

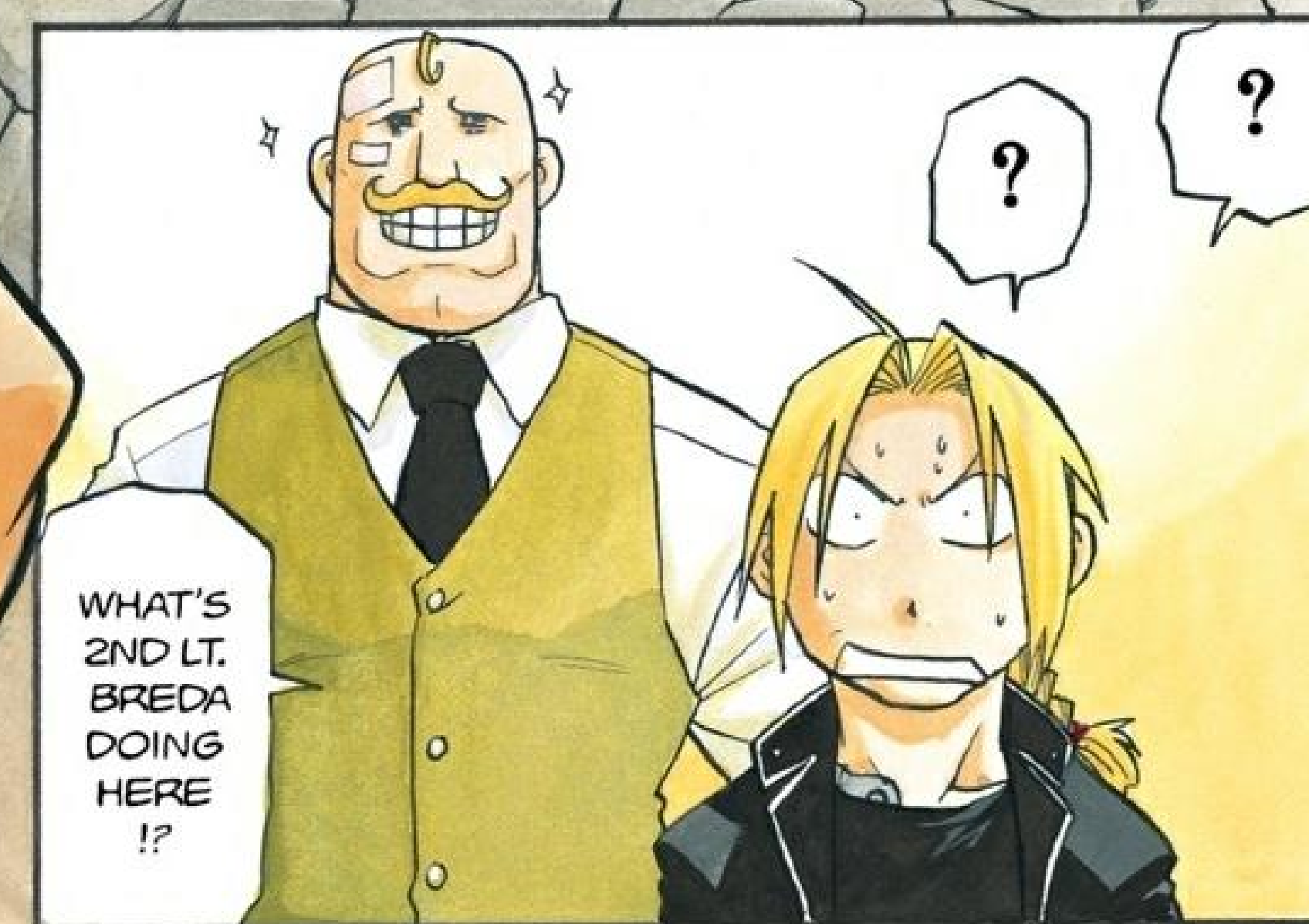
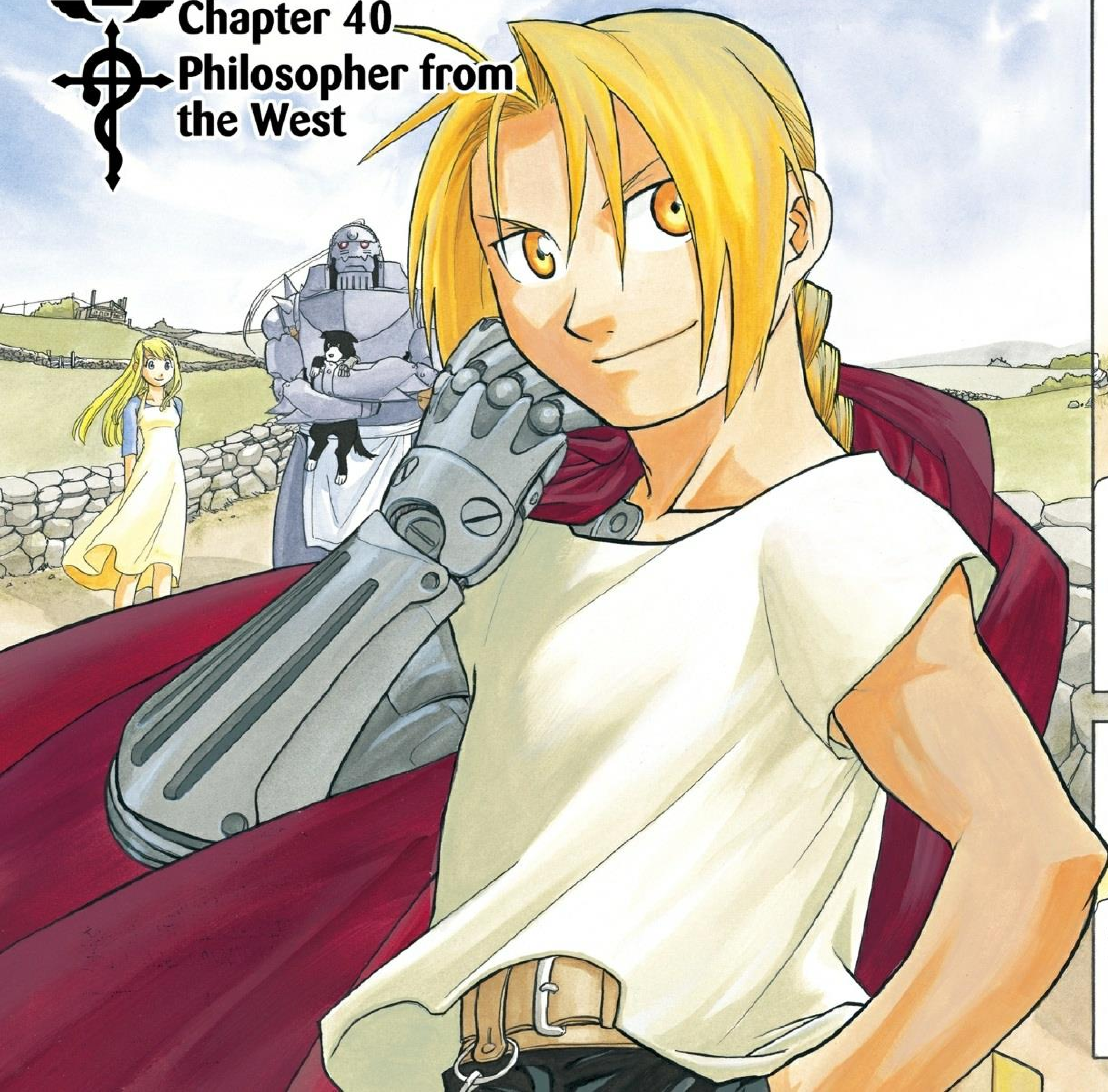




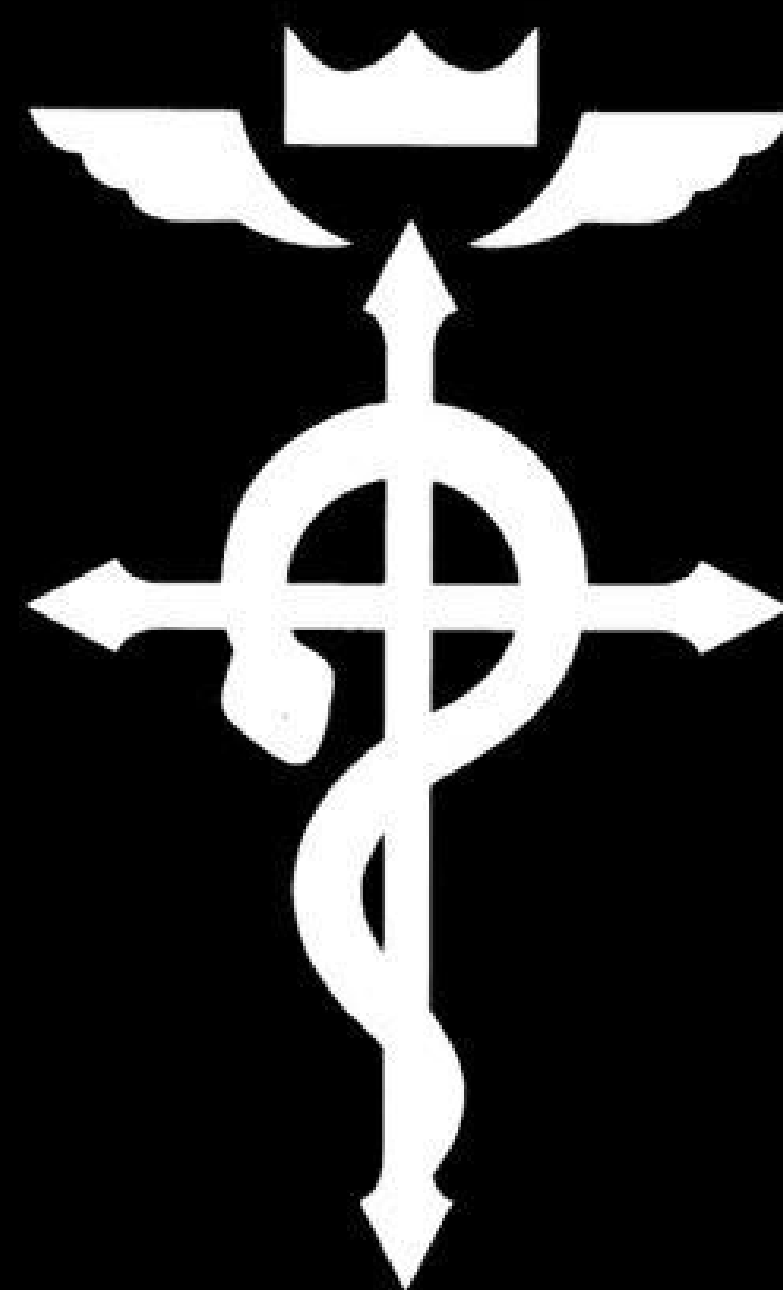


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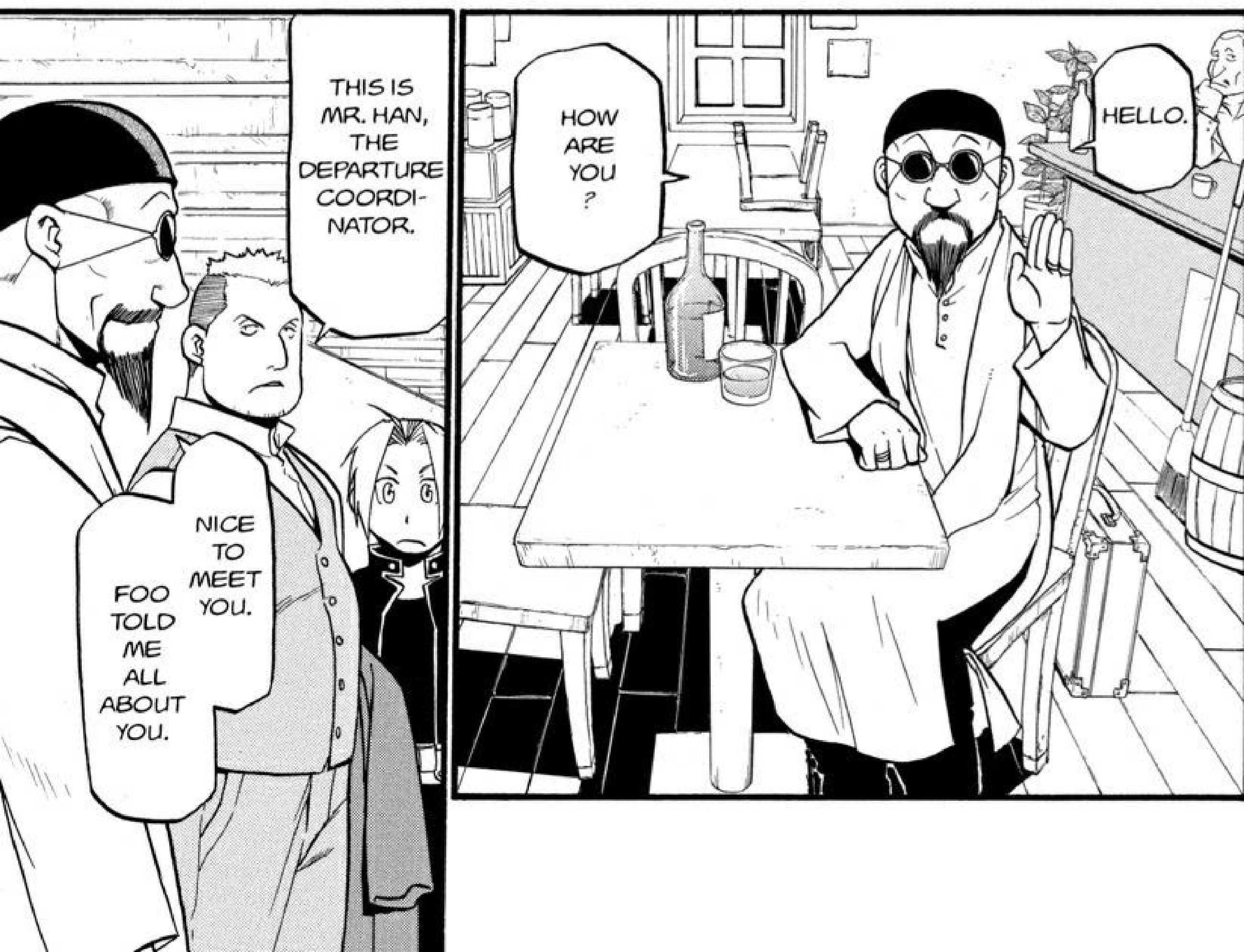
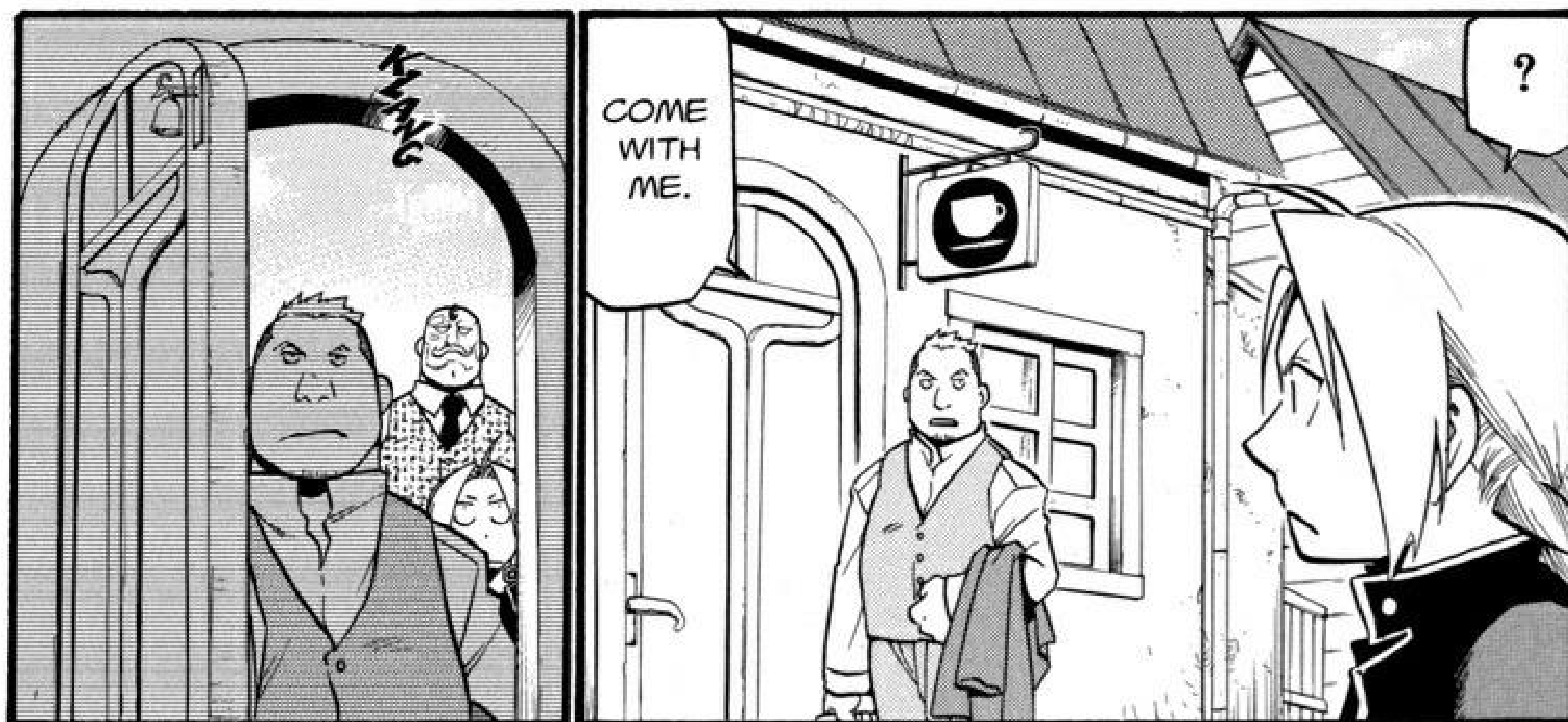
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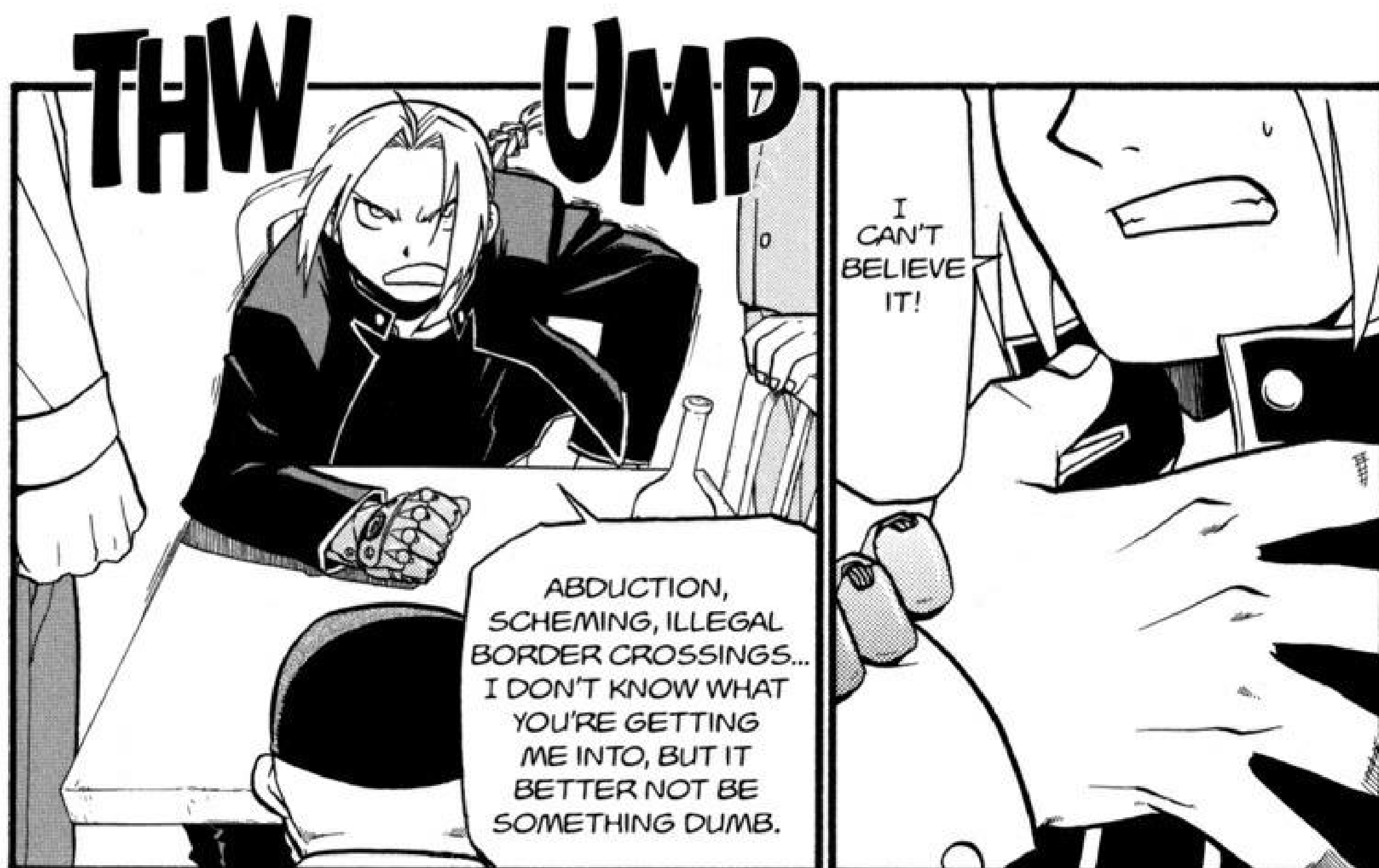


FULLMETAL  
ALCHEMIST













THEY FOUND  
THE LAB AND  
ALMOST MADE  
IT HERE!  
THEY KILLED  
LUST!!

HOW  
COULD  
YOU  
LET  
THEM  
LIVE  
!!?



LUST  
IS  
DEAD...

LUST...

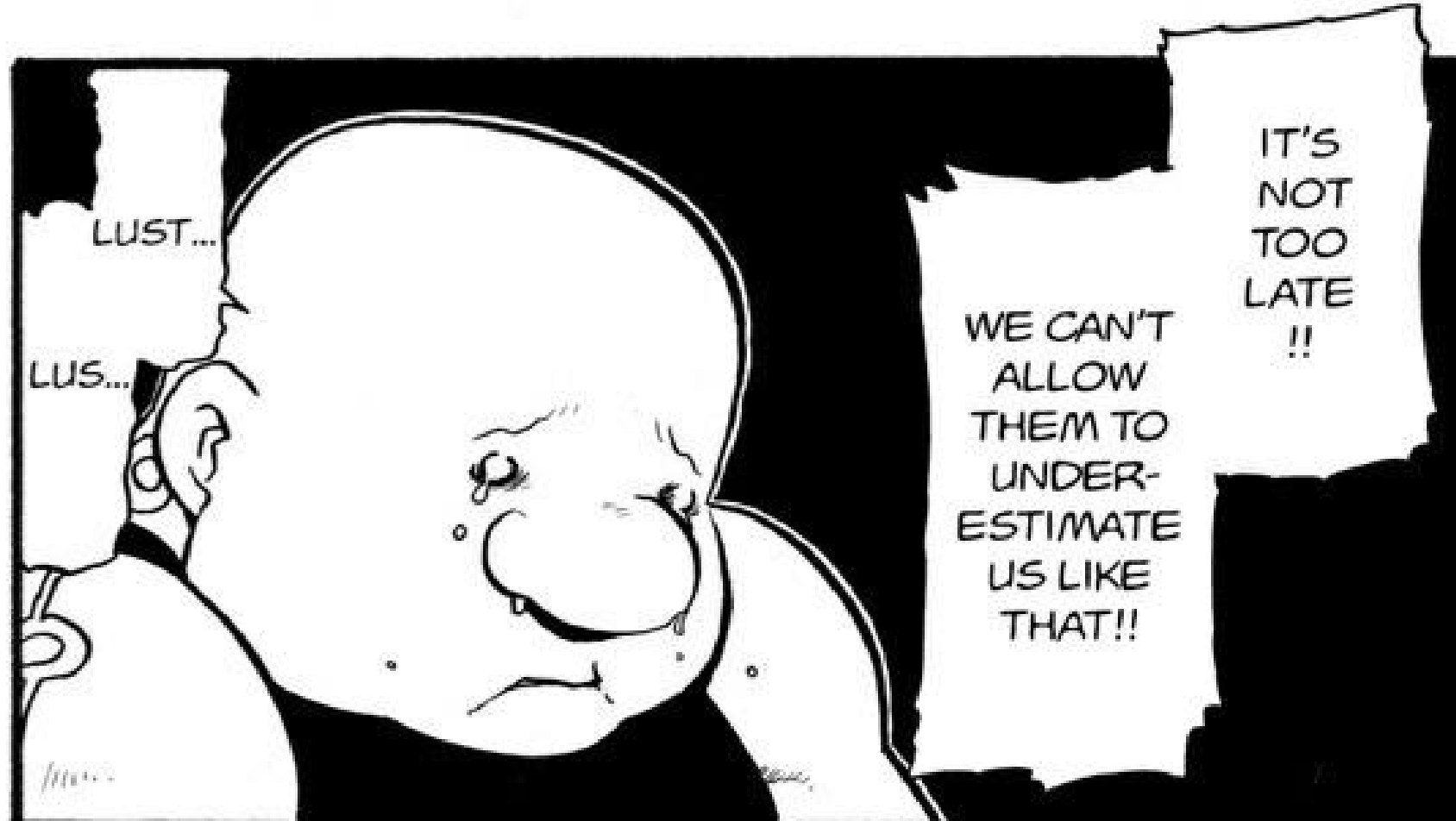
YOU WERE  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE IN  
CHARGE OF  
DEALING  
WITH THE  
INTRUDERS  
!!

WHY  
!!?



YOU HAVE TO  
GO DOWN  
THERE AND  
FINISH  
THEM OFF!  
MAKE IT  
LOOK LIKE  
A MEDICAL  
ACCIDENT!!

THAT'S  
RIGHT!  
THOSE  
BASTARDS  
ARE STILL  
IN THE  
HOSPITAL  
!



LUST...

LUS...

WE CAN'T  
ALLOW  
THEM TO  
UNDER-  
ESTIMATE  
US LIKE  
THAT!!

IT'S  
NOT  
TOO  
LATE  
!!



I  
BELIEVE  
HE CAN  
STILL  
BE OF  
USE  
TO US.



WRATH...

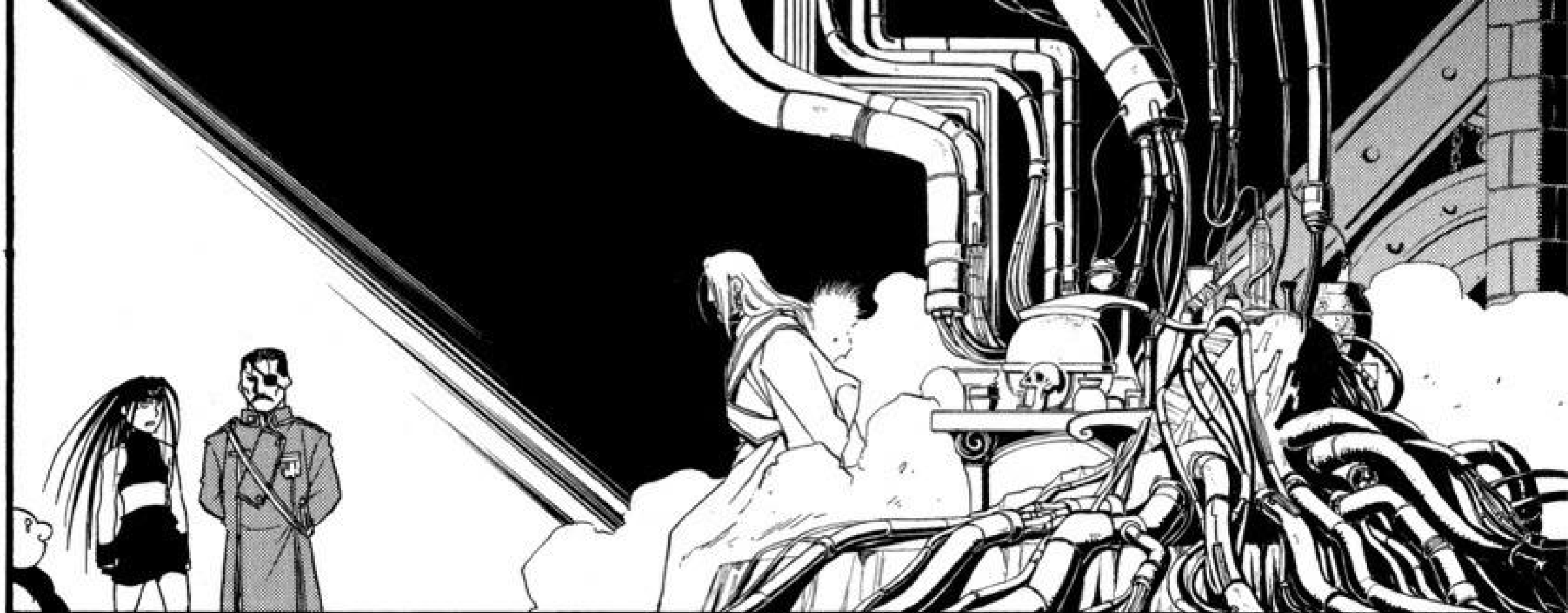


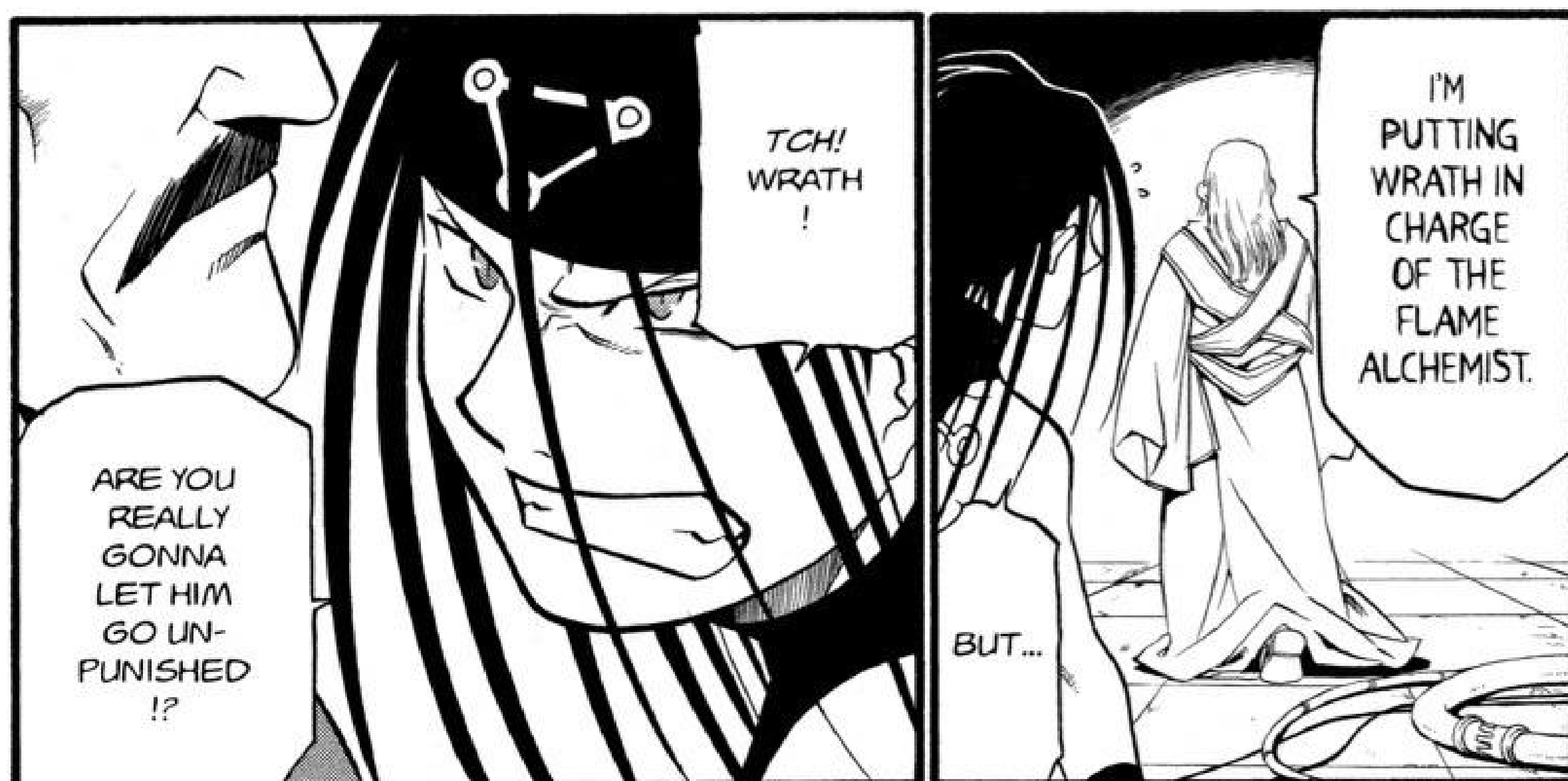
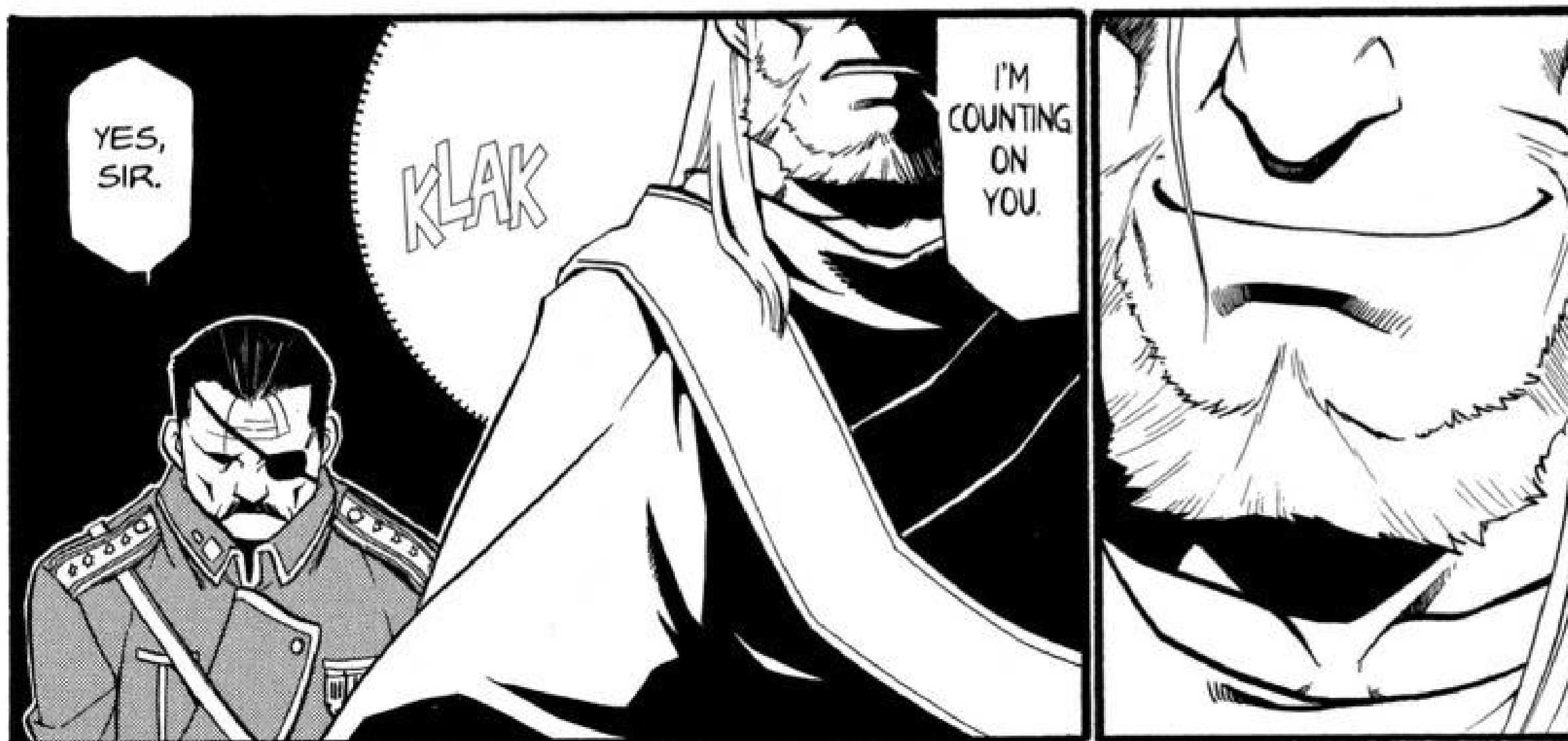
WHY DID  
YOU LET  
THE  
FLAME  
ALCHEMIST  
ESCAPE  
?



FSHH











ALPHONSE!



DO I LOOK THAT BAD? HOW EMBARRASSING!

IT'S GOOD OF YOU TO VISIT, BUT... IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR INJURIES ARE MORE SEVERE THAN THEIRS.



ARE YOU HERE TO VISIT THEM?

MASTER SGT. FUERY!



YOU IDIOT!



THOSE ARE WOUNDS OF HONOR. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF.





DEVOTE  
YOUR-  
SELF TO  
THIS  
TASK.



I'M  
GOING TO  
CONTINUE  
TO TRUST  
YOU WITH  
MY BACK.



**SHUT  
UP  
!!**

AS THE  
COMMANDING  
OFFICER  
YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
HAVE EVEN  
BEEN  
ON THE  
BATTLEFIELD.

YOU'RE  
ONE  
TO  
TALK,  
COL-  
ONEL.



GIRLS  
AREN'T  
GOING  
TO LIKE  
ME WITH  
BURN  
SCARS  
ALL  
OVER MY  
STOMACH.

I'M  
GRATEFUL  
AND ALL,  
BUT  
COULDN'T  
YOU HAVE  
BEEN A  
LITTLE  
MORE  
CAREFUL  
WITH THE  
FIRE?

IS THAT  
ALL YOU  
HAVE TO  
SAY TO  
THE MAN  
WHO  
SAVED  
YOUR  
LIFE?



IT'S  
HARD  
ON MY  
IN-  
JURY.

PLEASE  
DON'T  
YELL,  
COL-  
ONEL.

OW...





WE'RE  
NOT  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
STEAKS  
HERE!!

YOU GOT  
OFF RARE  
AND I'M  
MEDIUM-  
WELL! I'M  
MUCH  
WORSE  
OFF THAN  
YOU ARE!!

YOU  
UN-  
GRATE-  
FUL  
SNOT!



I'M AN  
OFFICER!  
I SHOULD  
GET A  
PRIVATE  
ROOM  
AND A  
BEAUTIFUL  
NURSE!

WHY DO I  
HAVE TO  
SHARE A  
ROOM WITH  
THIS GUY,  
ANYWAY?



UGH...



THAT'S  
IT  
!

THE ENEMY  
MIGHT TRY TO  
KILL YOU IN  
YOUR SLEEP.  
IT'S MUCH  
EASIER TO  
PROTECT  
THE TWO OF  
YOU IF YOU'RE  
BOTH IN  
ONE ROOM.

PLEASE  
TRY TO  
UNDER-  
STAND.



THIS IS THE  
PERFECT  
OPPORTUNITY  
FOR THEM  
TO FINISH  
US OFF.



WE  
CAME  
TO  
VISIT  
YOU.

SORRY  
TO  
DISTURB  
YOU,  
SIR.



PEOPLE  
DIE IN  
HOSPITALS  
ALL THE  
TIME. THEY  
COULD  
MAKE IT  
LOOK  
LIKE AN  
ACCIDENT.

SO  
WHY  
HAVEN'T  
THEY  
COME  
?



I'LL  
BE  
OKAY.

IF THEY  
FIND YOU,  
THEY COULD  
TAKE YOUR  
LIFE AT  
ANY  
MOMENT!

ALPHONSE!  
SHOULD YOU  
BE WALKING  
AROUND  
OUT IN THE  
OPEN LIKE  
THIS?



I'M  
FINE.

I'LL  
CALL  
SOME-  
ONE  
TO TAKE  
OVER  
FOR  
YOU.

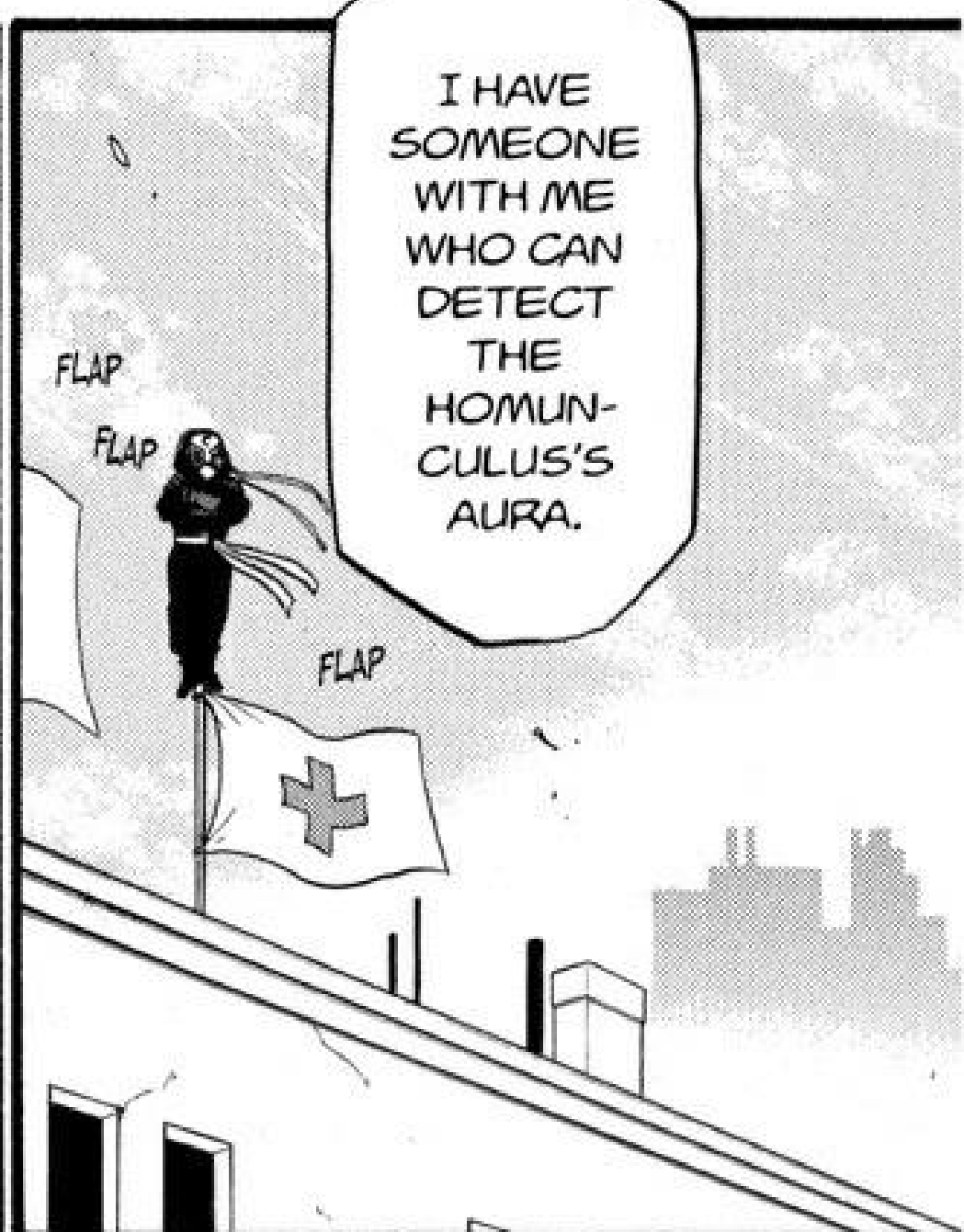
LT.,  
MAYBE  
YOU  
SHOULD  
REST  
UP A  
BIT.



I'M  
NOT  
TOO  
SURE  
MYSELF.

WHAT'S  
THAT  
LIKE...  
?

A HO-  
MUN-  
CULUS  
AURA  
?



I HAVE  
SOMEONE  
WITH ME  
WHO CAN  
DETECT  
THE  
HOMUN-  
CULUS'S  
AURA.

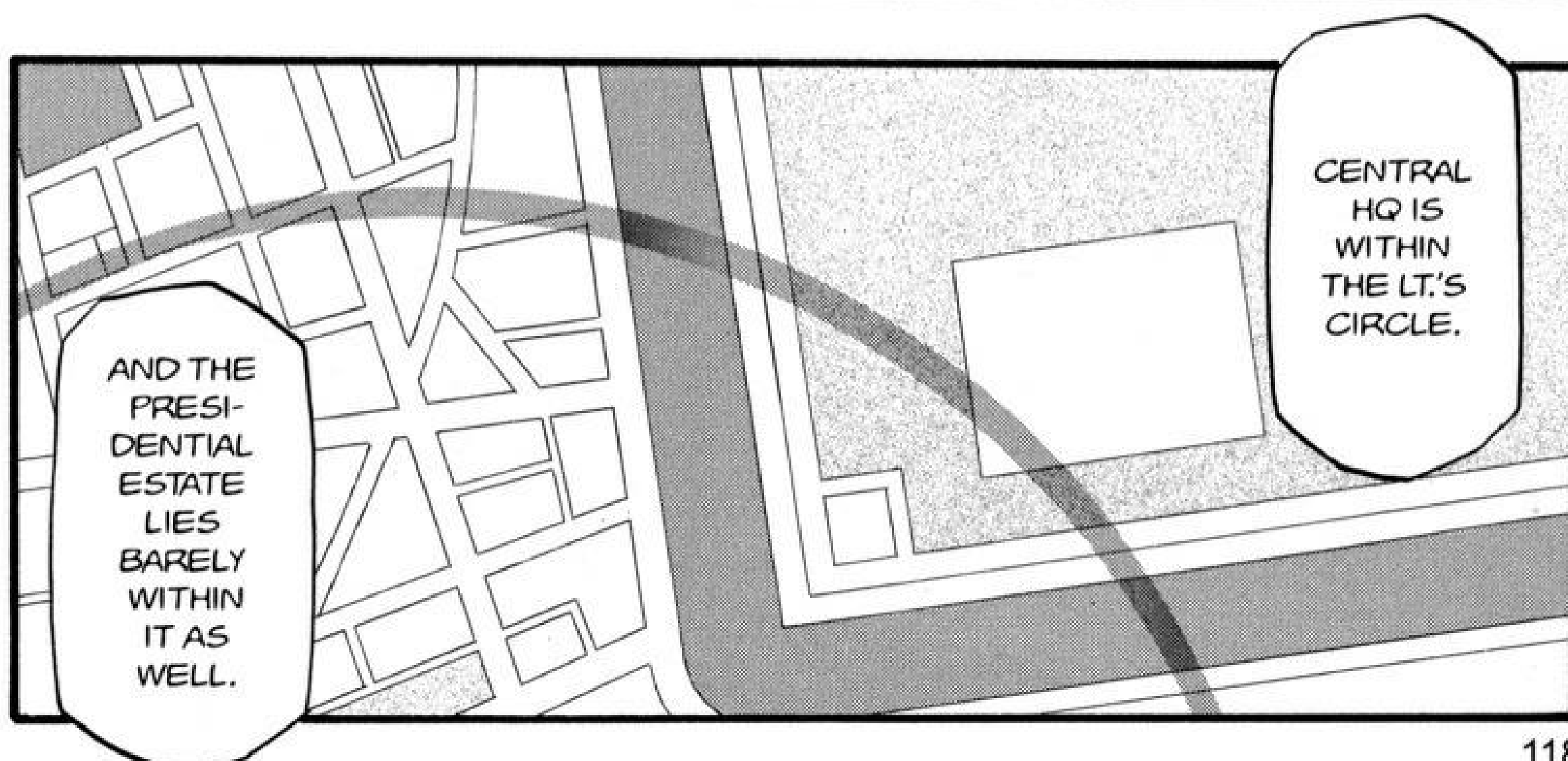
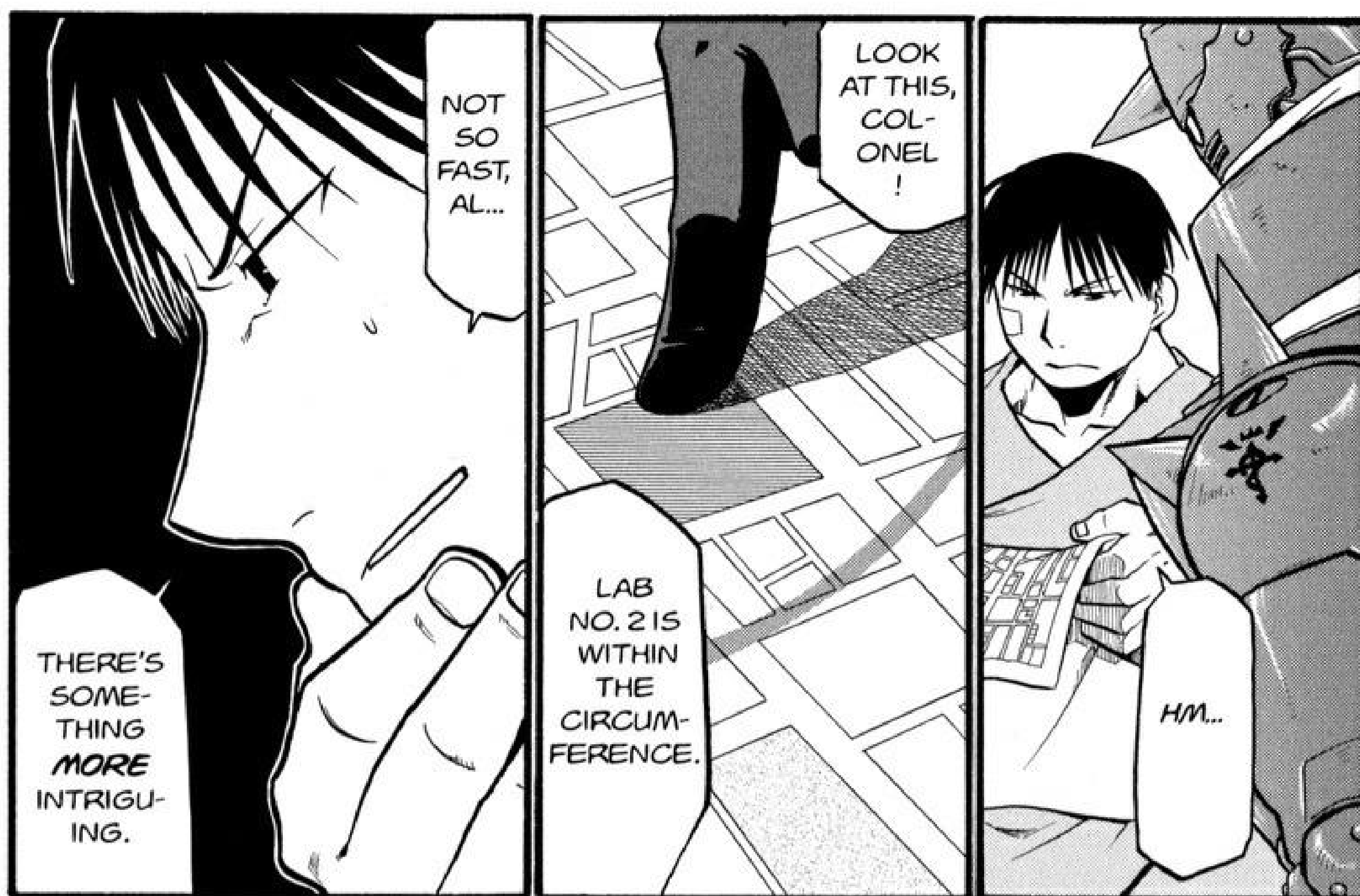
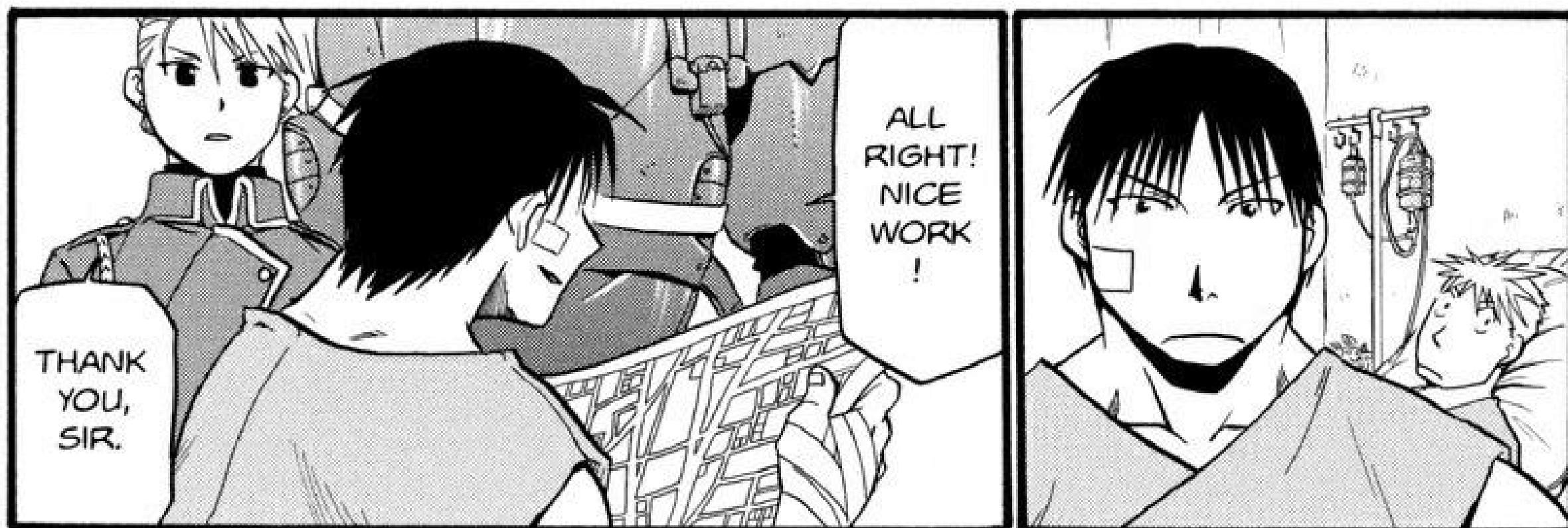
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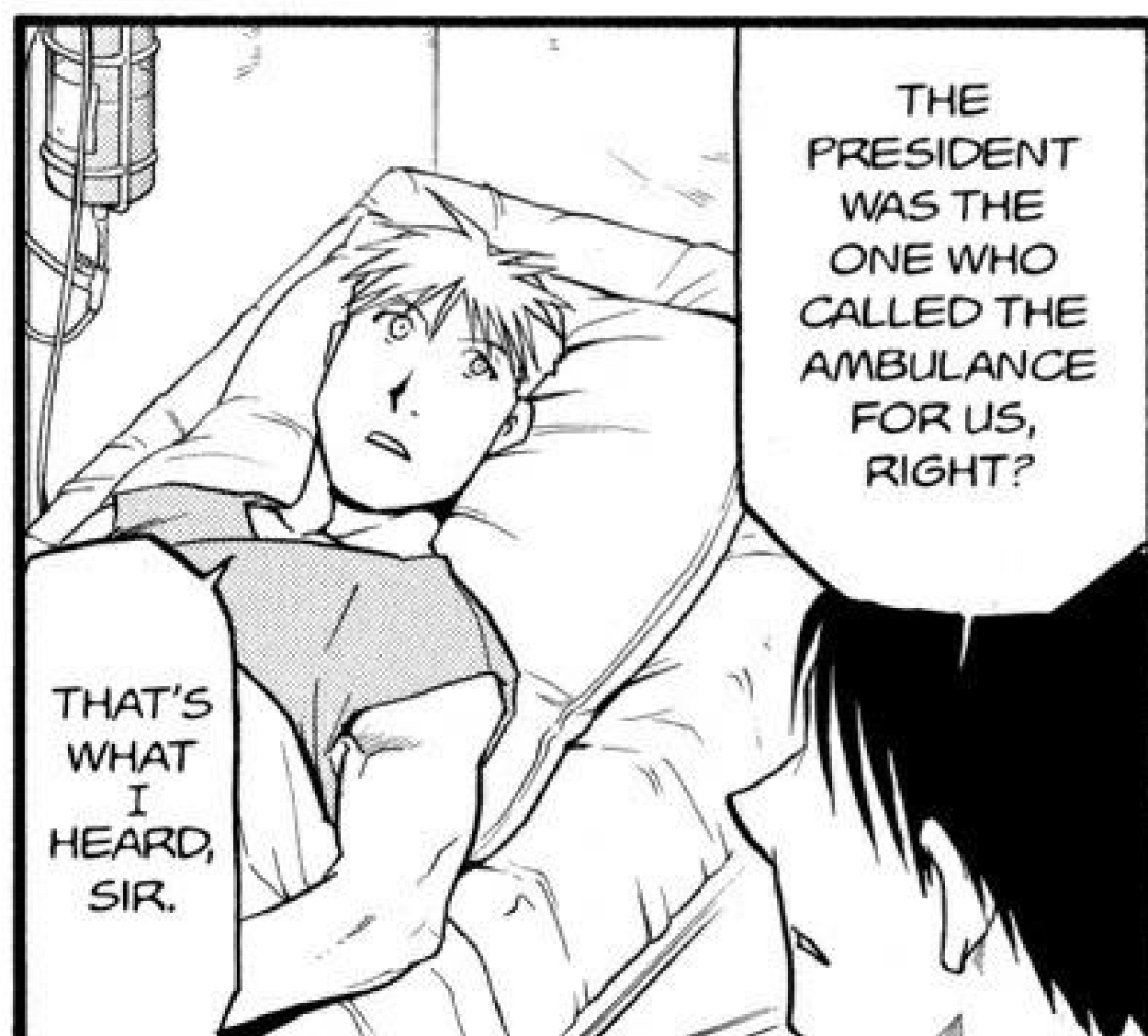
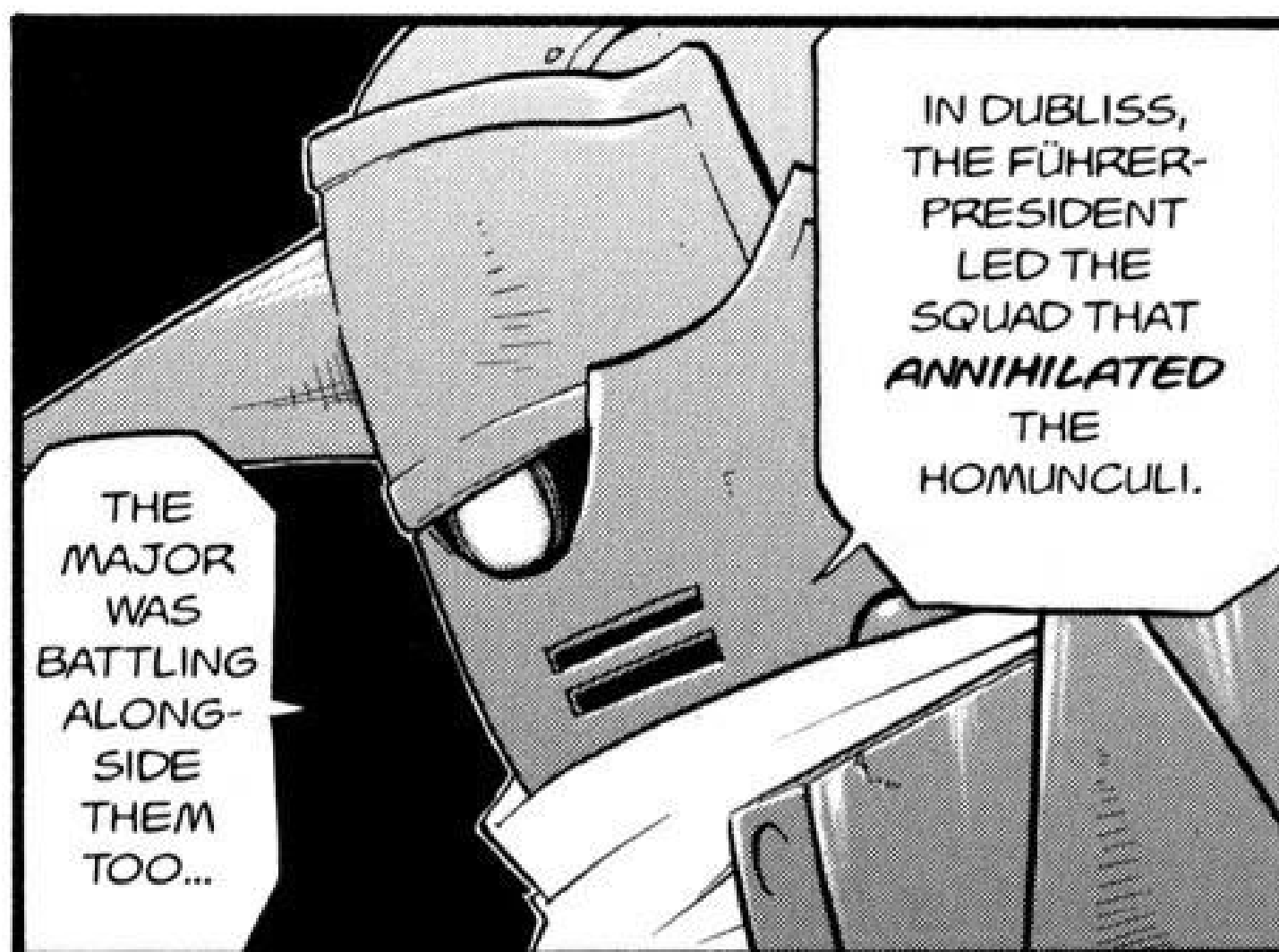
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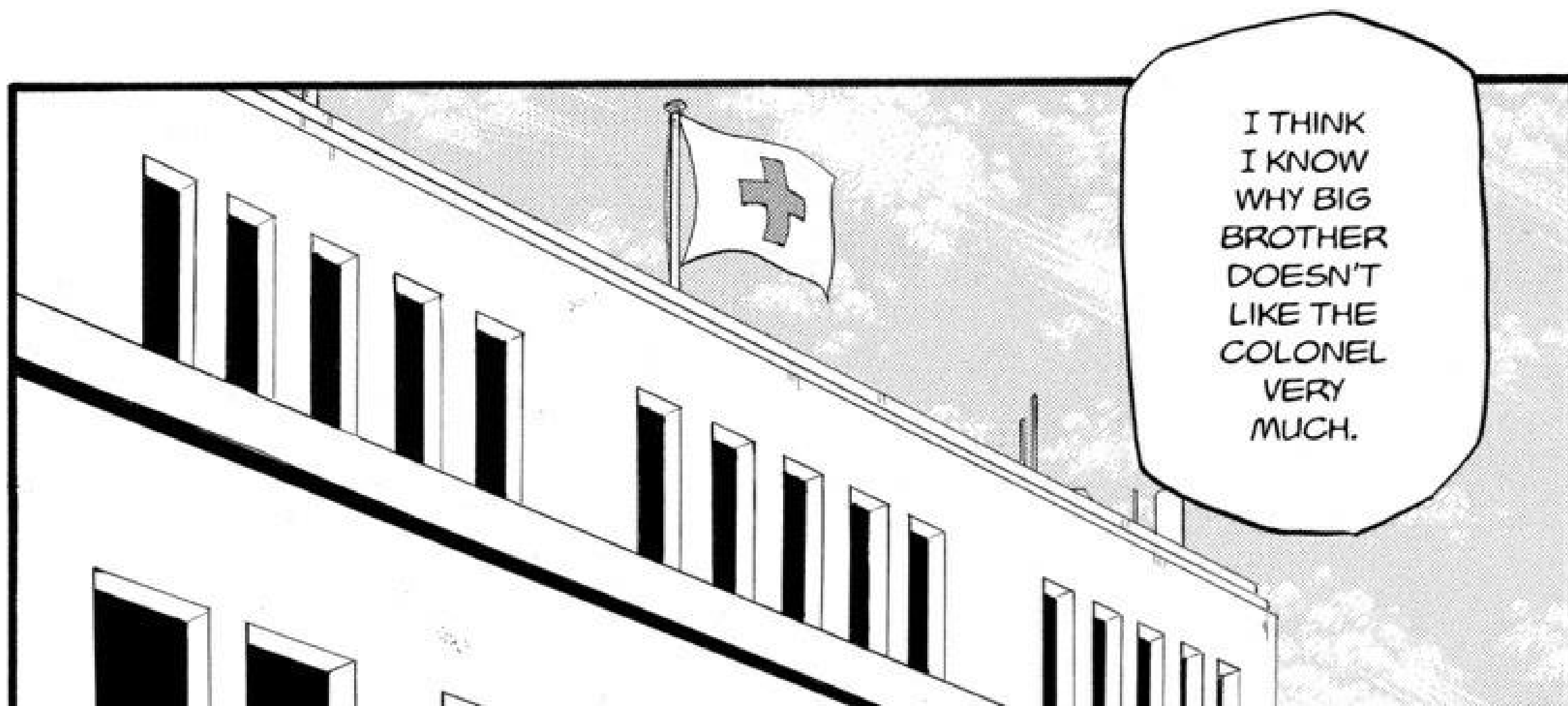
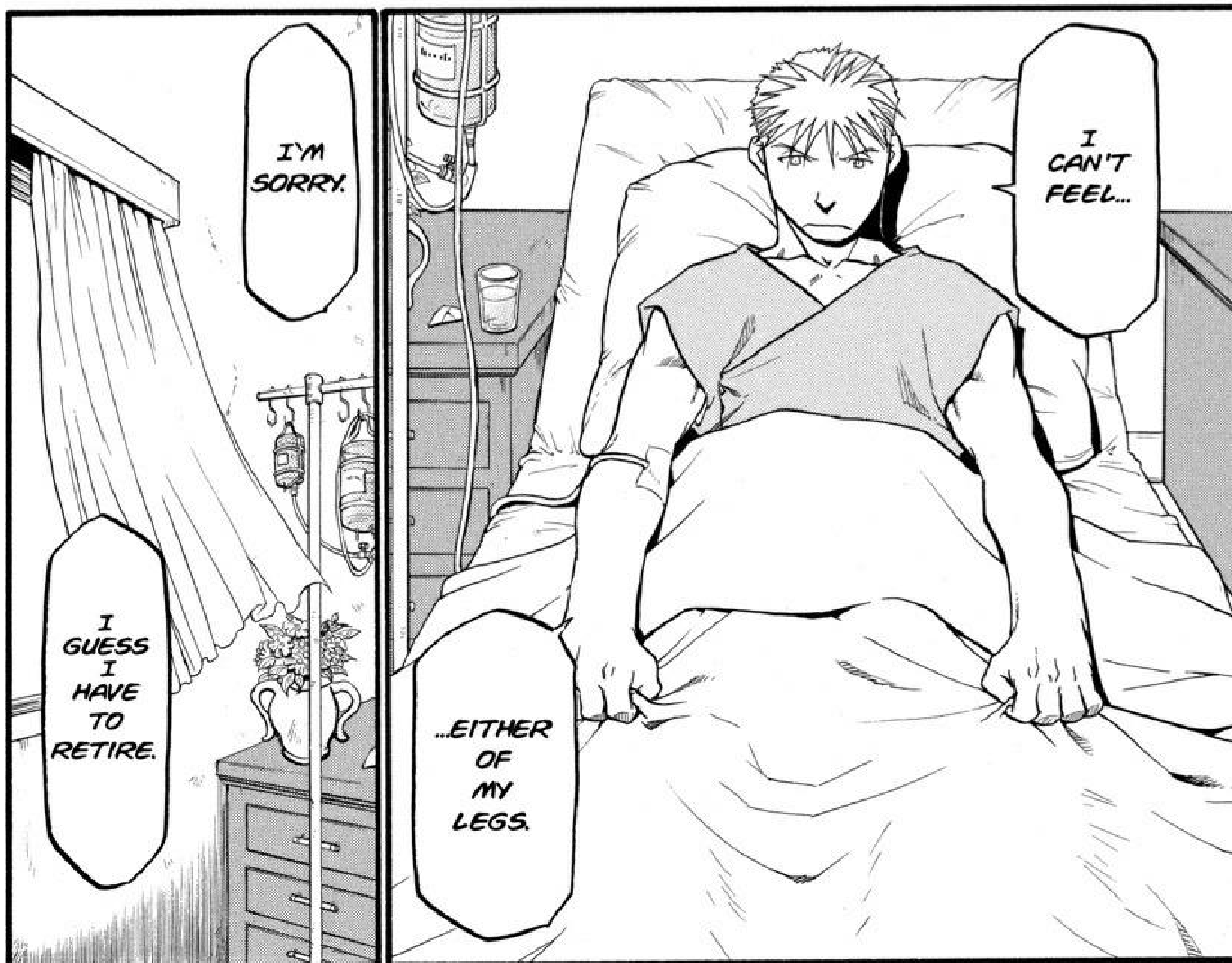
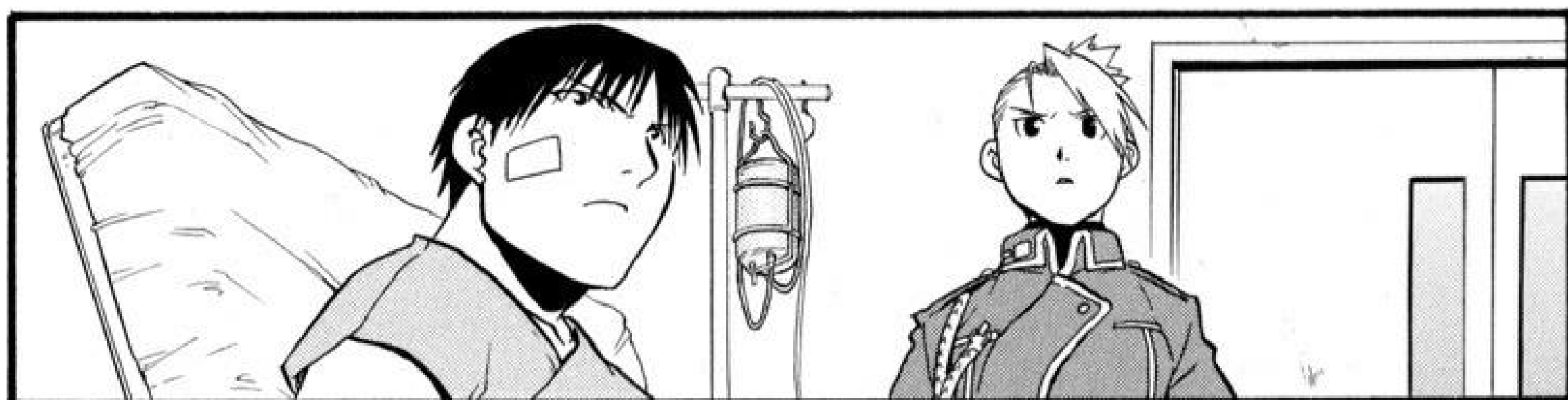


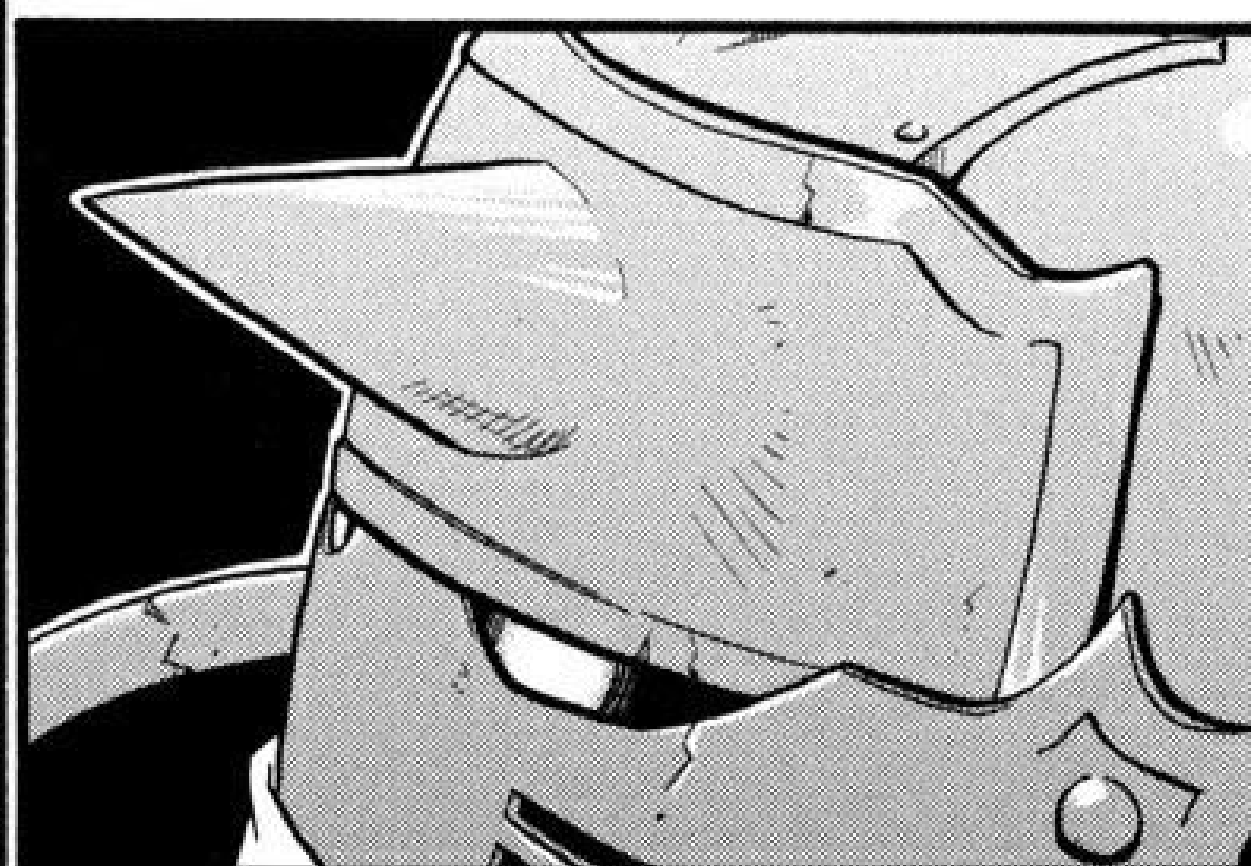
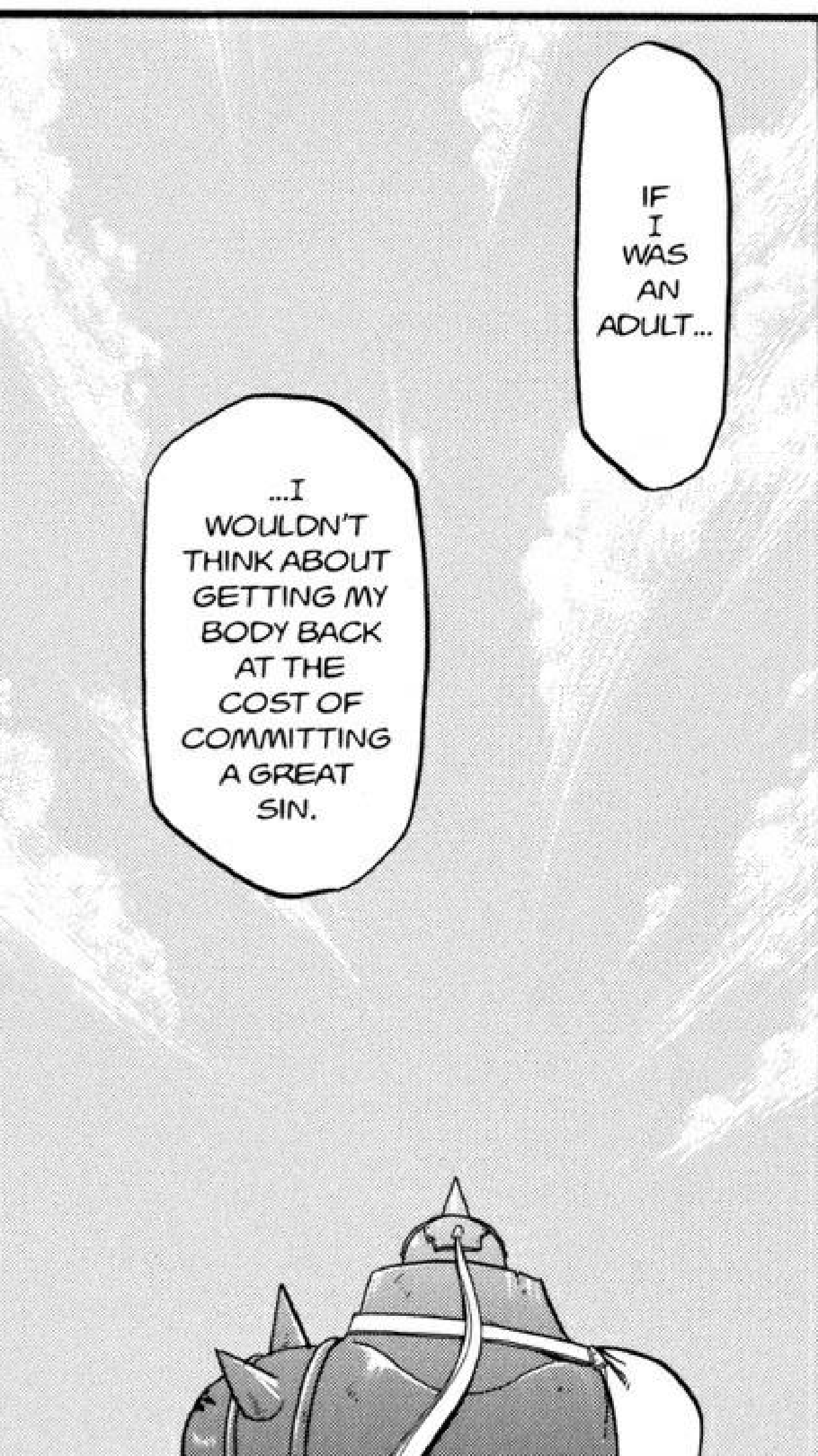
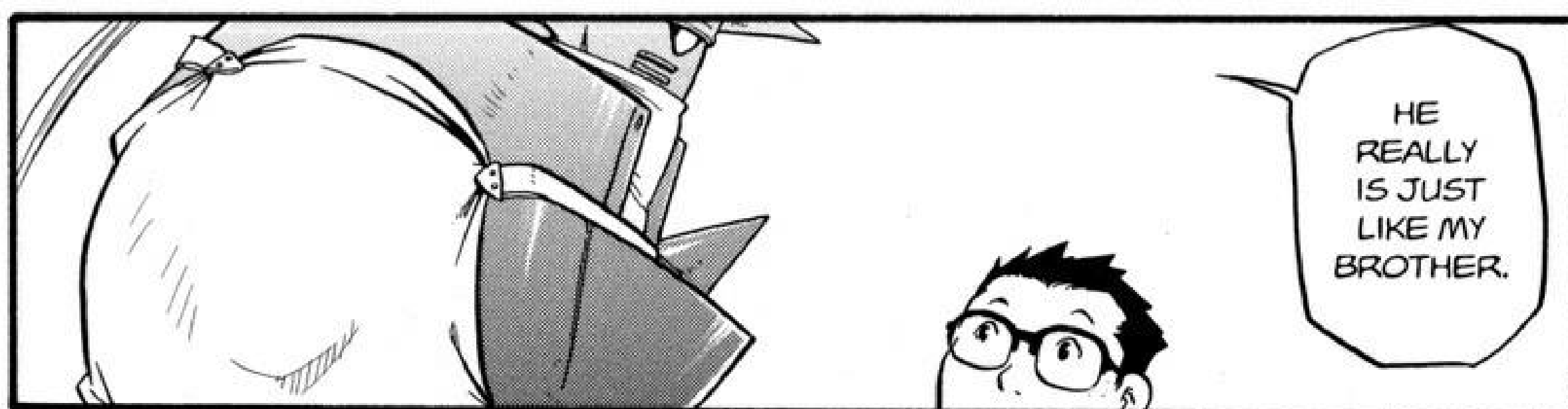


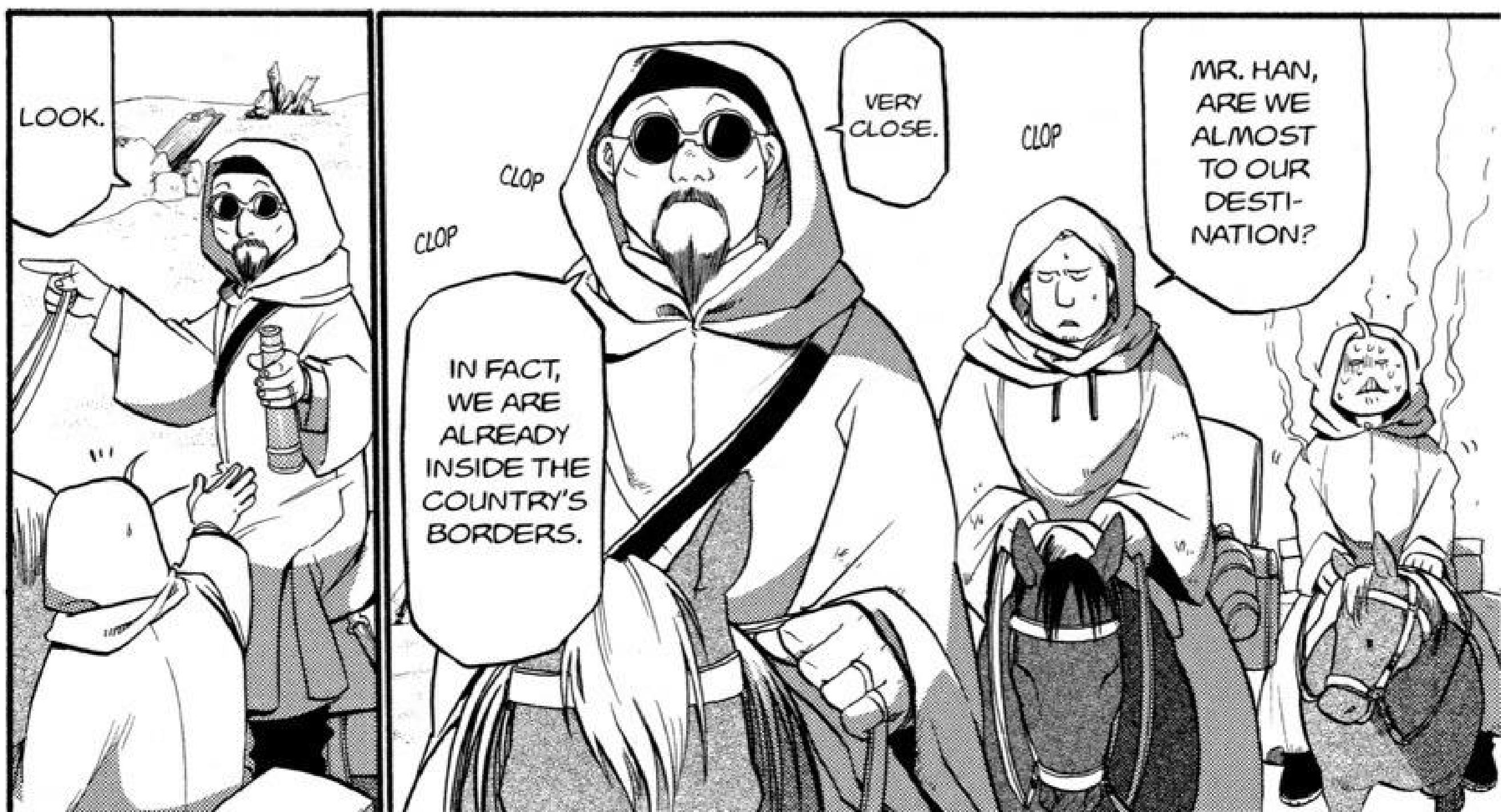
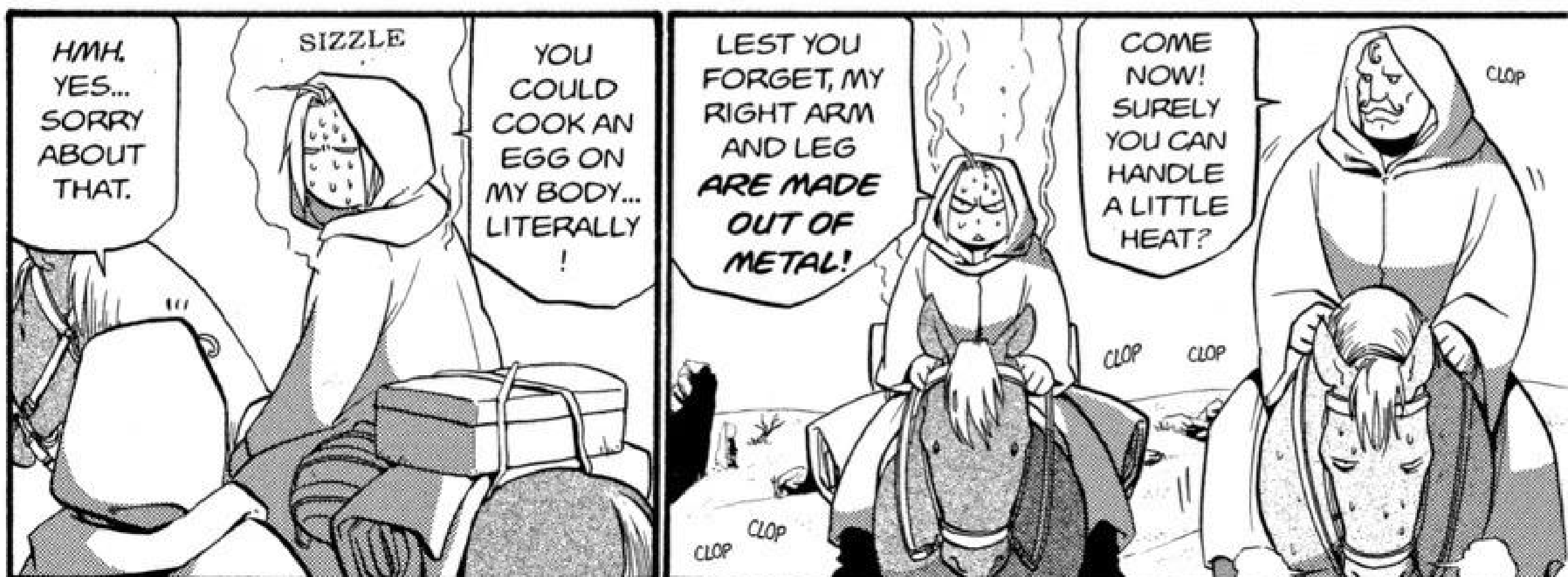
















THE CAPITAL OF  
A ONCE GREAT  
KINGDOM IS  
NOW JUST A  
REST STOP  
FOR CARAVANS  
TRAVELING  
BETWEEN EAST  
AND WEST.



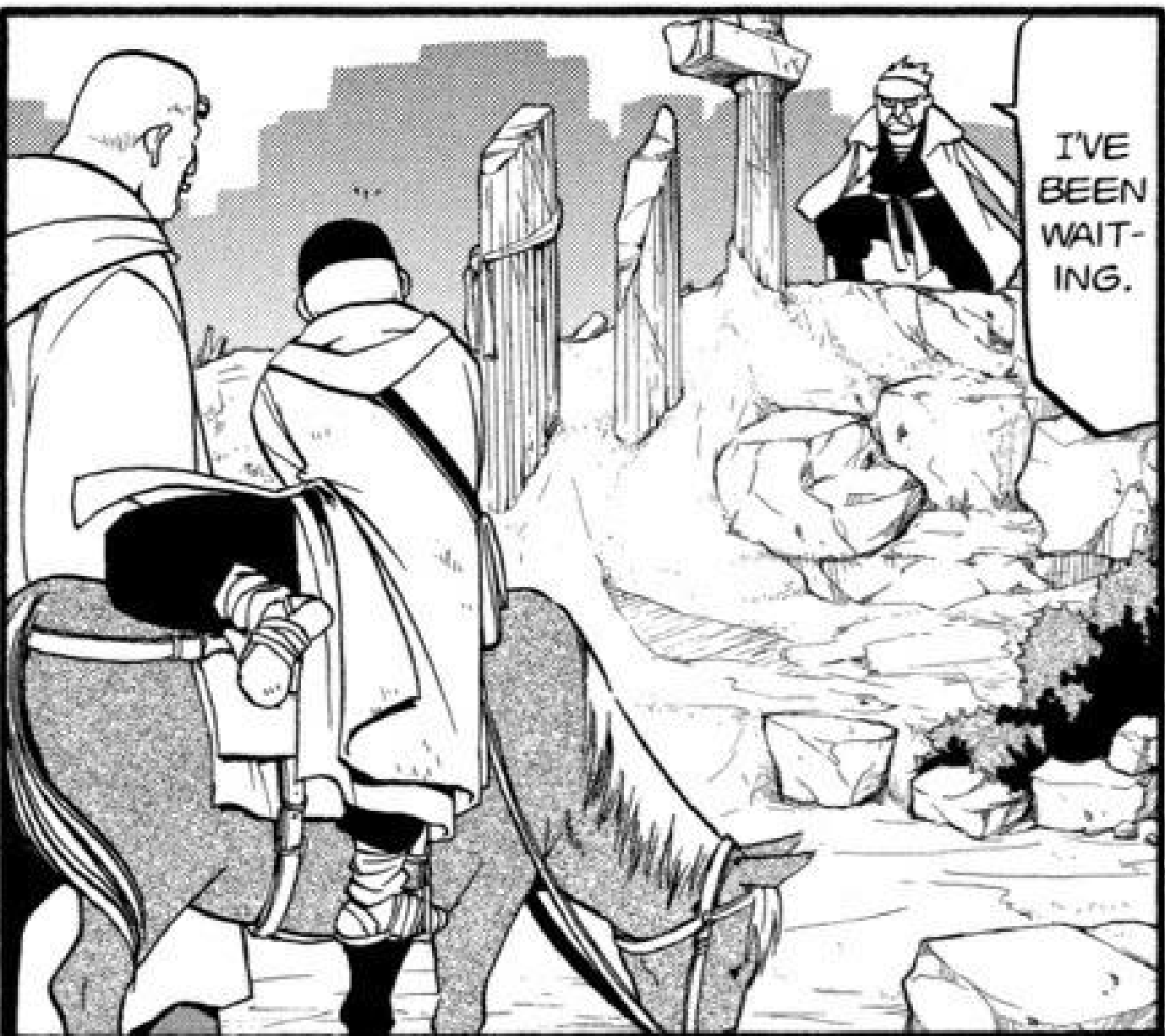
SO  
THOSE  
ARE THE  
CSELKCESS  
RUINS.



WHY  
DID YOU  
BRING  
THE  
CHILD  
?

?

HELLO,  
FOO.



I'VE  
BEEN  
WAIT-  
ING.



ER...I'M  
NOT SURE  
WHY, BUT...  
SORRY.

THAT'S WHAT I'D  
LIKE TO ASK YOU! I  
WANNA KNOW WHY  
THIS PSYCHO-GEEZER  
IS HERE AND WHY YOU  
DRAGGED ME ACROSS  
THIS GODFORSAKEN  
DESERT BUT MOST  
OF ALL I WANT A  
GLASS OF WATER!!



PHILOSOPHER FROM THE EAST?

UH-HUH.

A CHILDREN'S STORY ABOUT THE ONE WHO TAUGHT THE PEOPLE OF MY COUNTRY ALCHEMY.



ALL I KNOW ABOUT CSELKCESS IS FROM THE STORY ABOUT THE "PHILOSOPHER FROM THE EASTERN DESERT."



IN XING THERE'S A STORY ABOUT AN ALCHEMIST WHO DRIFTED TO OUR SHORES FROM THE WEST.

AFTER HIS ARRIVAL, OUR COUNTRY'S ALCHEMY UNDERWENT RAPID PROGRESS.



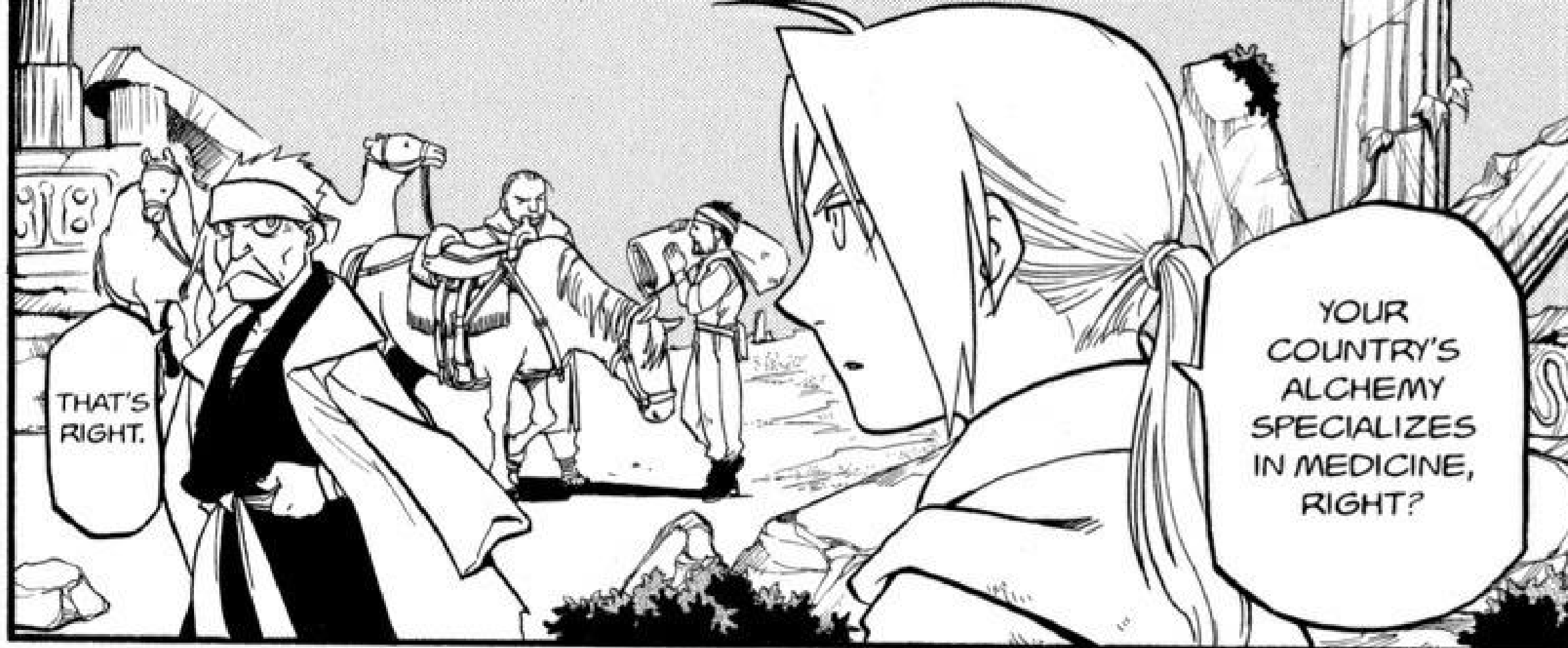
THAT'S HOW THE LEGEND GOES.

A SURVIVOR OF THE CSELKCESS KINGDOM--WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN ONE NIGHT--HE DRIFTED INTO THE NEWLY FOUNDED COUNTRY OF AMESTRIS AND SPREAD THE SCIENCE OF ALCHEMY.



...BUT IN MY COUNTRY, HE'S CALLED "THE PHILOSOPHER FROM THE WEST."

I'VE HEARD THIS STORY BEFORE...



THAT'S  
RIGHT.

YOUR  
COUNTRY'S  
ALCHEMY  
SPECIALIZES  
IN MEDICINE,  
RIGHT?



THEY SAY THAT IN  
ANCIENT XING,  
THREE GENERATIONS  
OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY  
DIED FROM INGESTING  
MERCURY BECAUSE  
THEY THOUGHT THAT IT  
HAD THE ABILITY TO  
GRANT IMMORTALITY.

BUT IN THE DISTANT  
PAST, IT WAS THE  
PRODUCT OF ILLUSION  
AND IMAGINATION.  
YOU WOULDN'T CALL  
IT ALCHEMY BY TODAY'S  
STANDARDS.



THE  
PHILOS-  
OPHER  
FROM  
THE  
WEST.



THAT'S WHEN  
THE GREAT MAN  
FROM THE WEST  
CAME AND  
TAUGHT US THE  
WAY OF ALCHEMY.

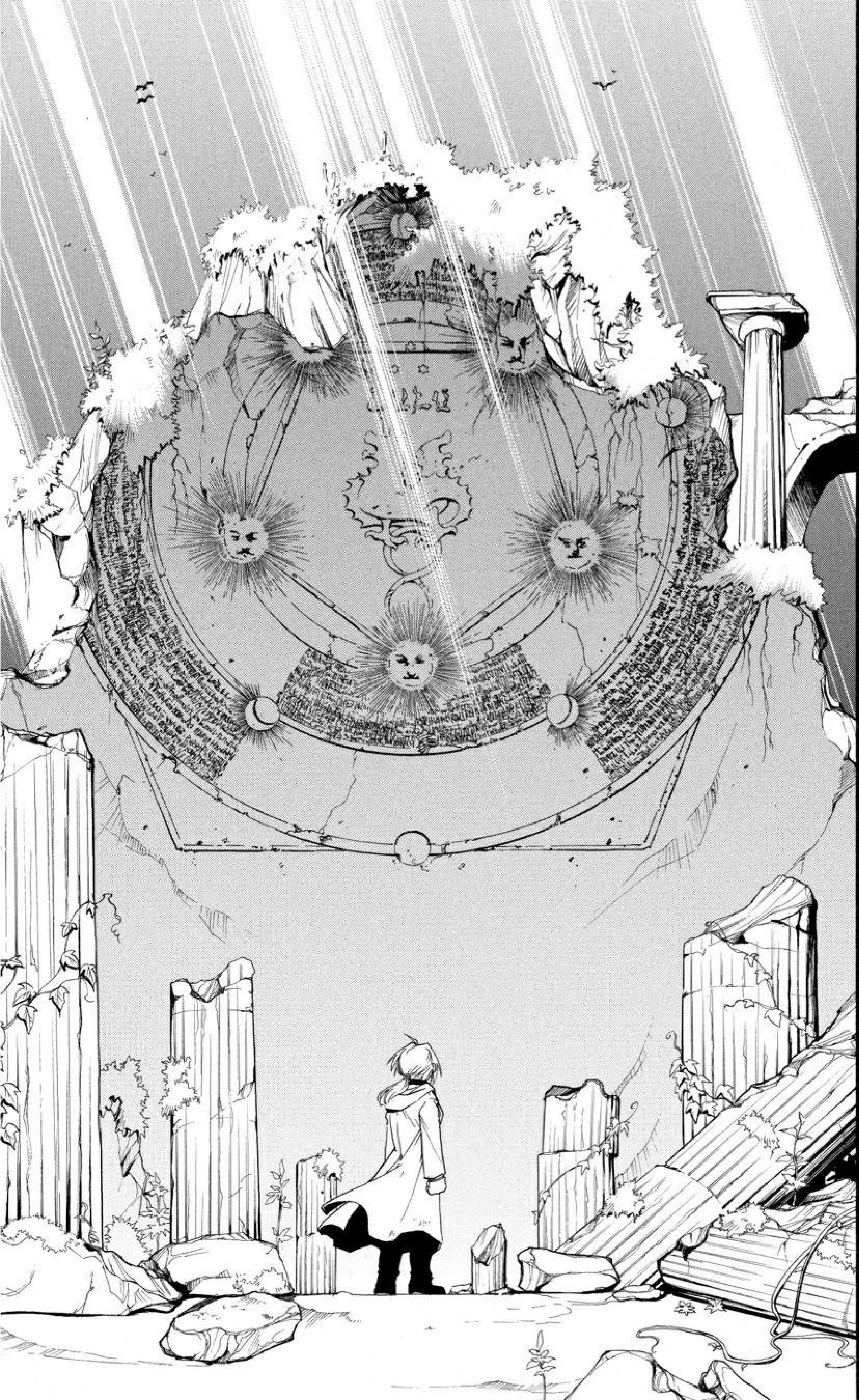


HIS TEACHINGS  
MELED WITH  
THE ANCIENT  
TECHNIQUES OF  
XING AND THE  
RESULT IS WHAT  
WE NOW KNOW AS  
RENDANSHU.

WE  
RESPECTFULLY  
CALL HIM  
BY THIS  
NAME--











IT'S  
AWAY  
FROM  
ALL THE  
NOISE  
OF THE  
CITY, AND  
MORE  
IMPOR-  
TANTLY...



...THAT  
DARN  
COLONEL  
!!



THE  
WOMEN  
ARE  
GOR-  
GEOUS.



LT. ROSS,  
MY HEART  
NEARLY  
BURST  
FROM  
WORRYING  
ABOUT  
YOU!!!

GOOSH



NO  
HUGGING,  
MAJORE!

SHUFFLE

I'M SO  
MOVED  
RIGHT  
NOW!

SHUFFLE

SHUFFLE



THE  
SAFEST  
PLACE  
TO HIDE  
IS  
OUTSIDE  
THE  
COUNTRY.

IF YOU WANT  
EVERYONE TO  
THINK YOU'RE  
DEAD, YOU CAN'T  
HANG OUT  
WHERE PEOPLE  
MIGHT  
RECOGNIZE  
YOU.

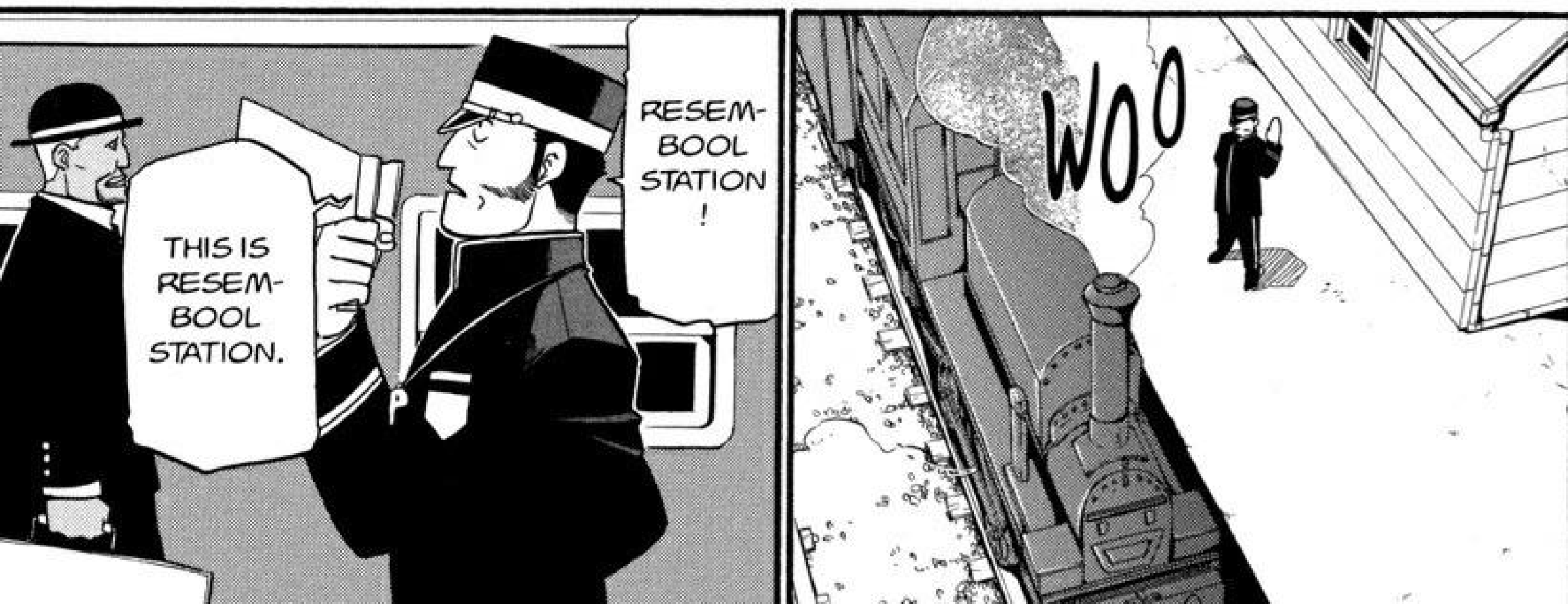


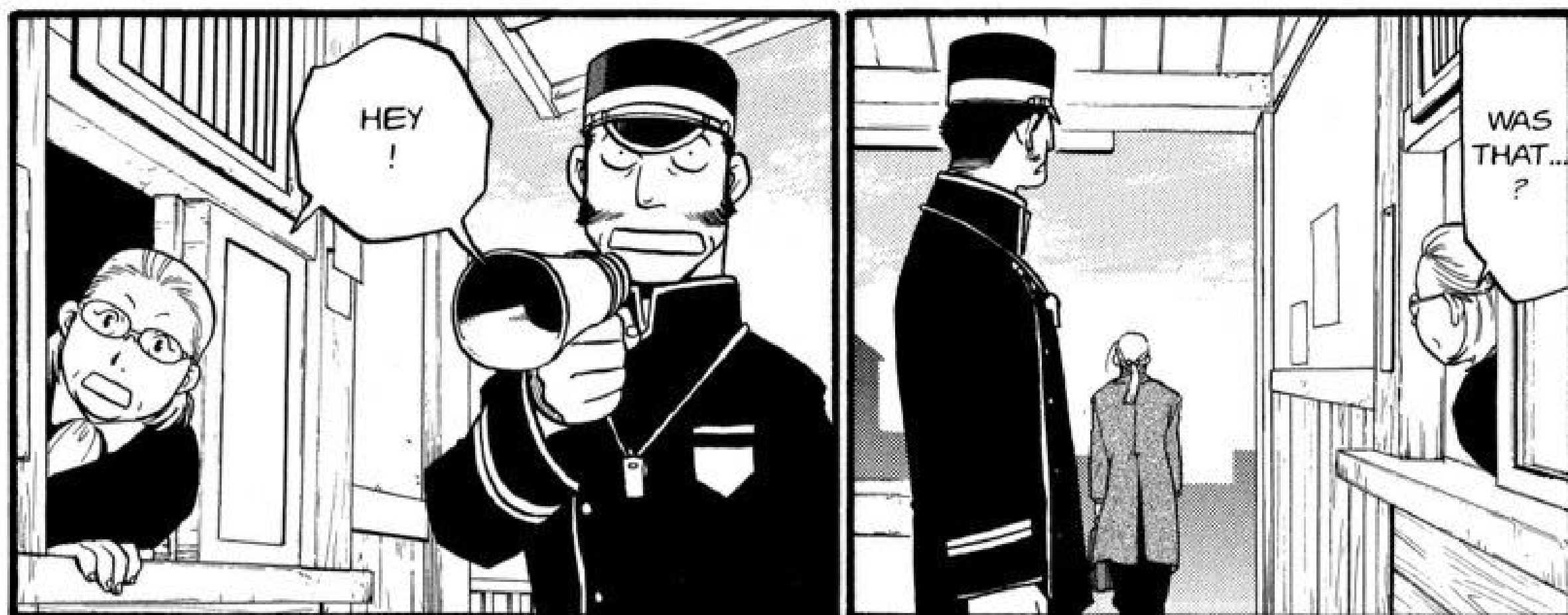
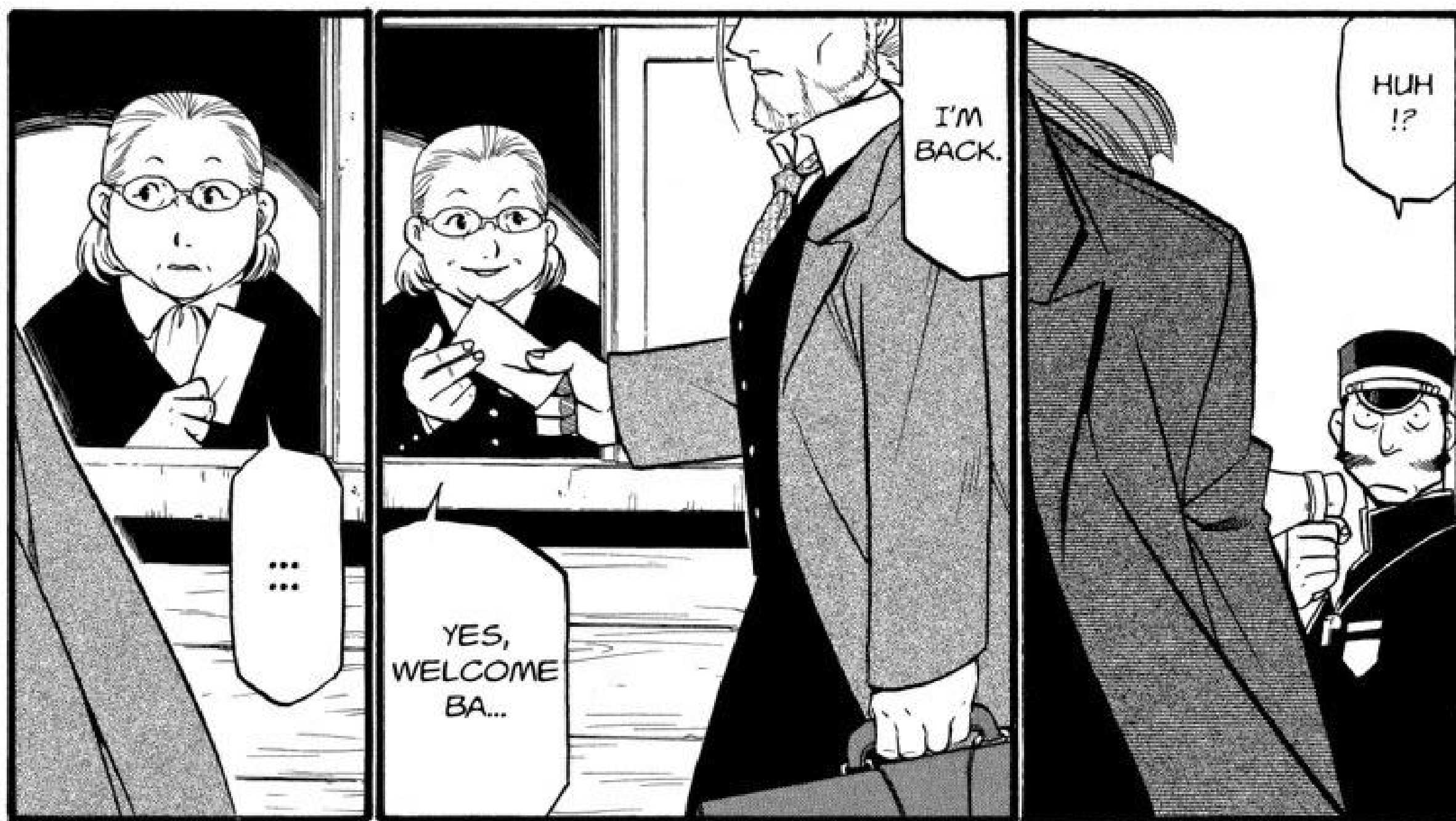
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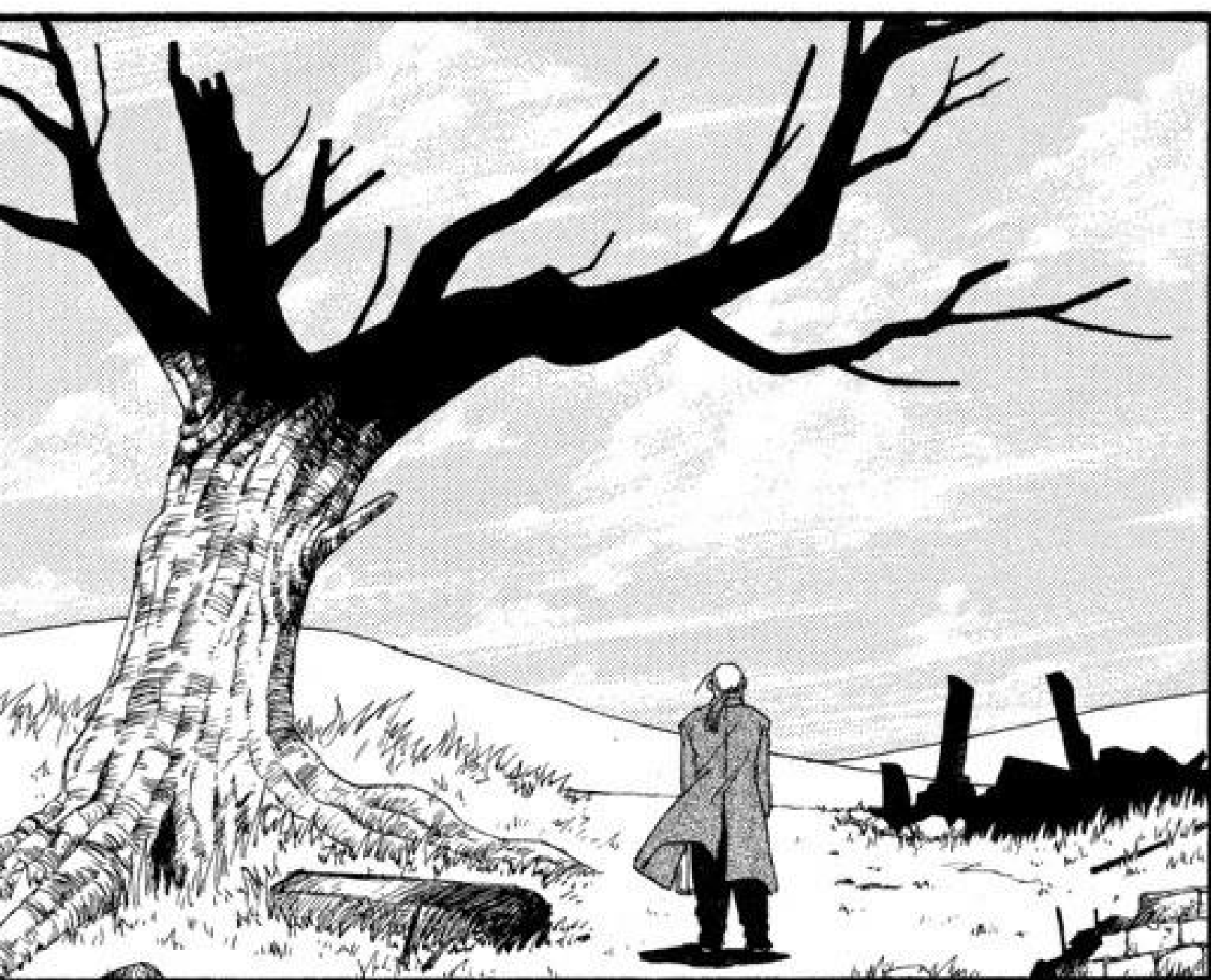
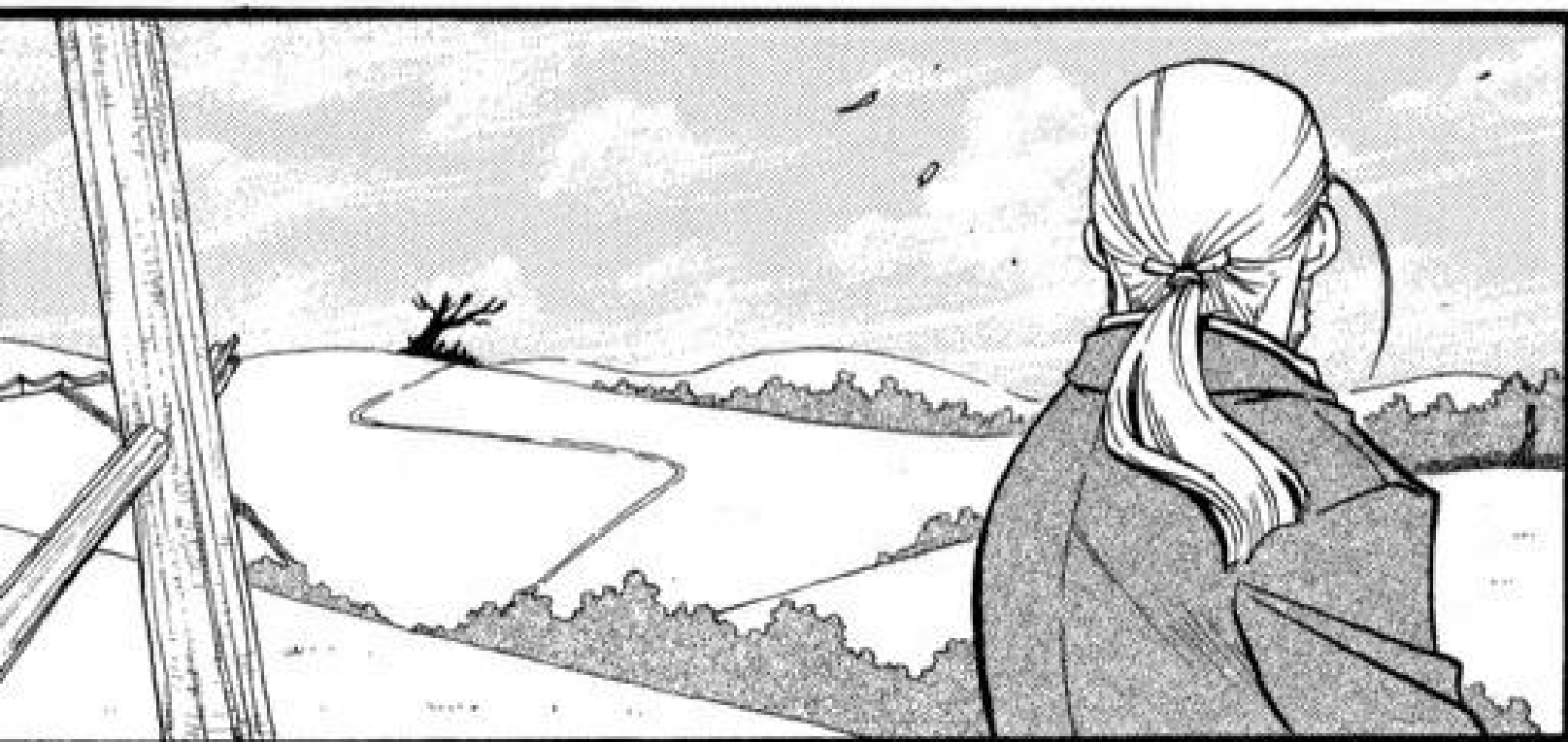
I AM  
OVERJOYED  
TO SEE  
THAT YOU  
ARE SAFE!

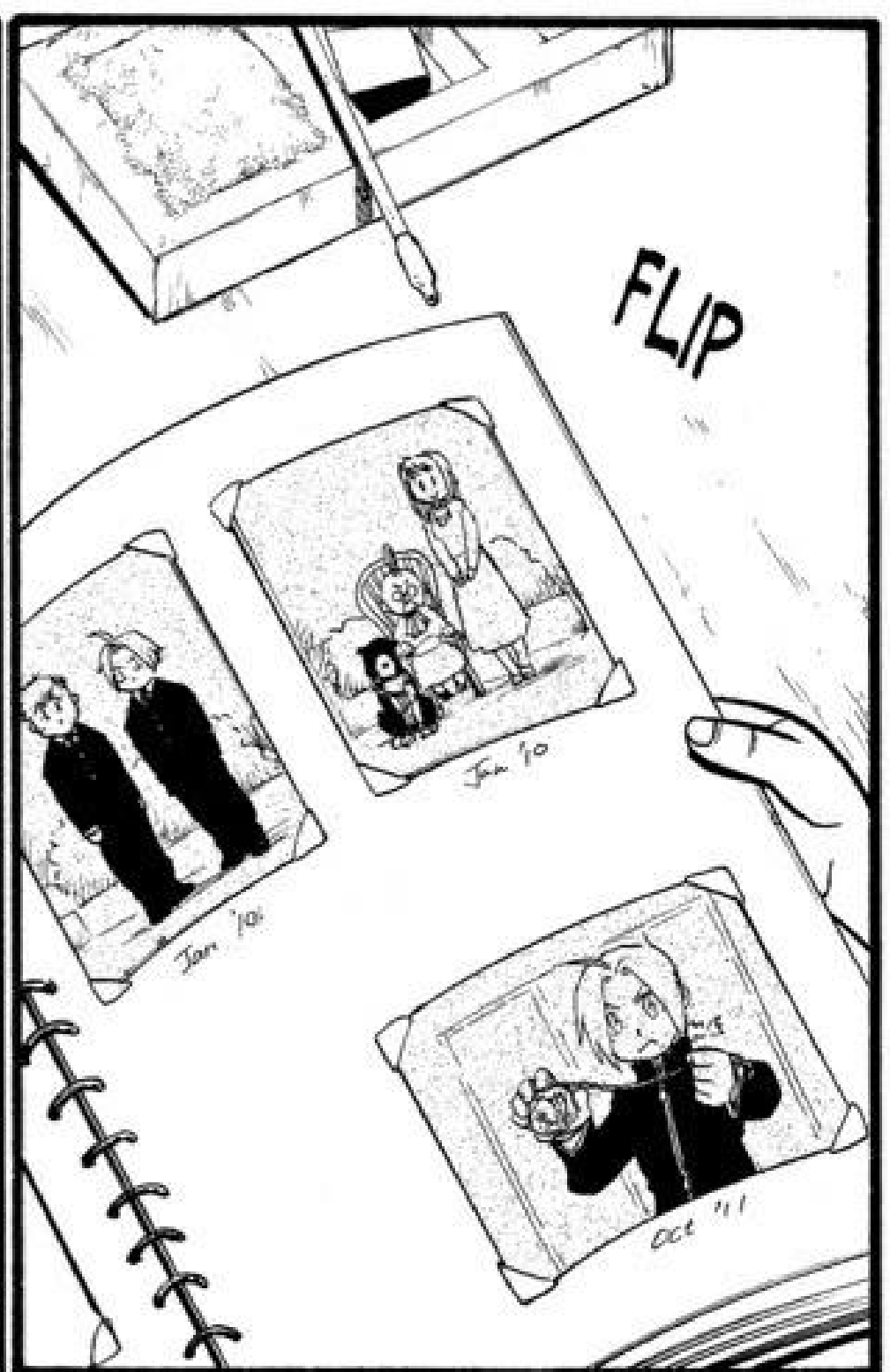
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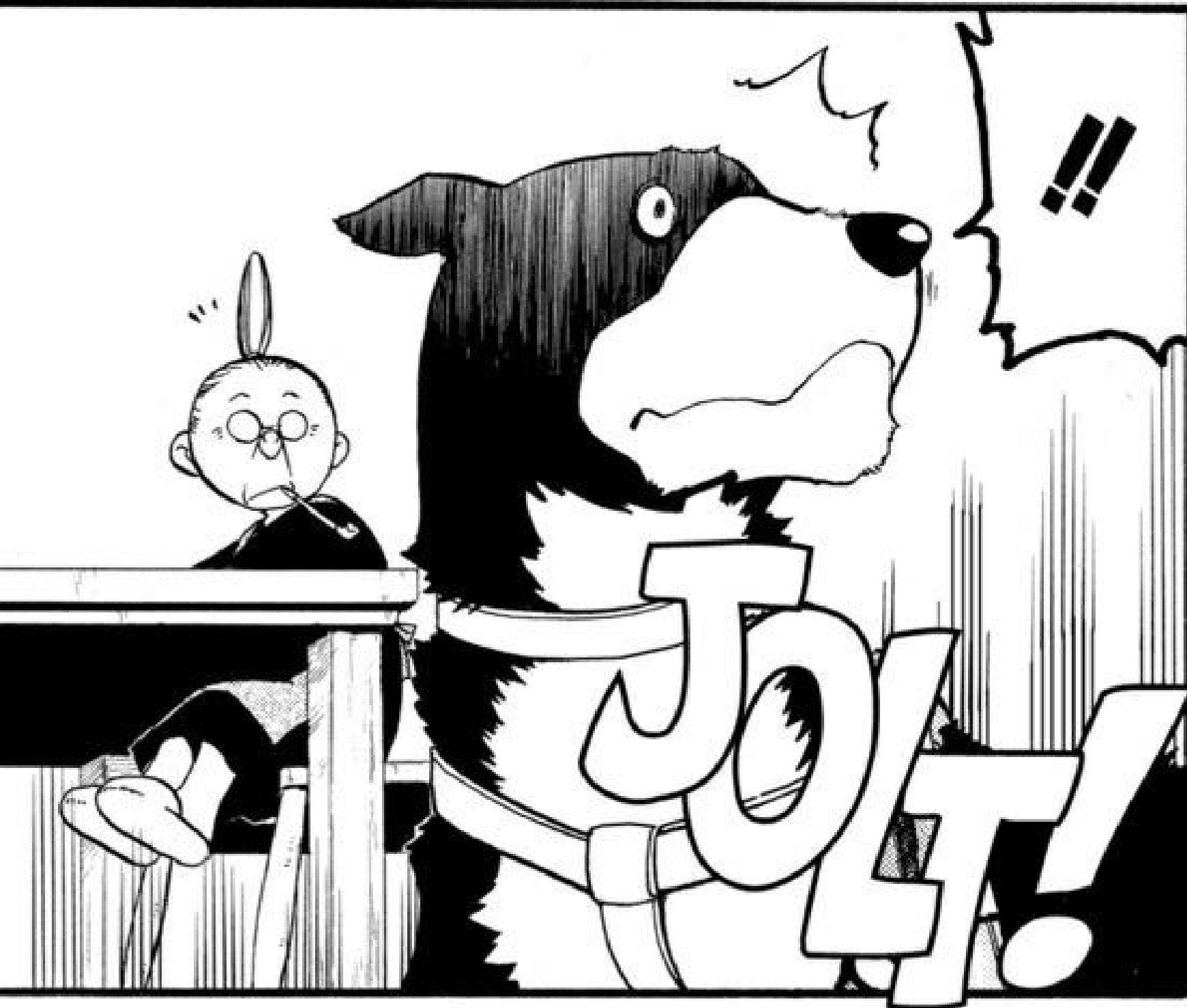




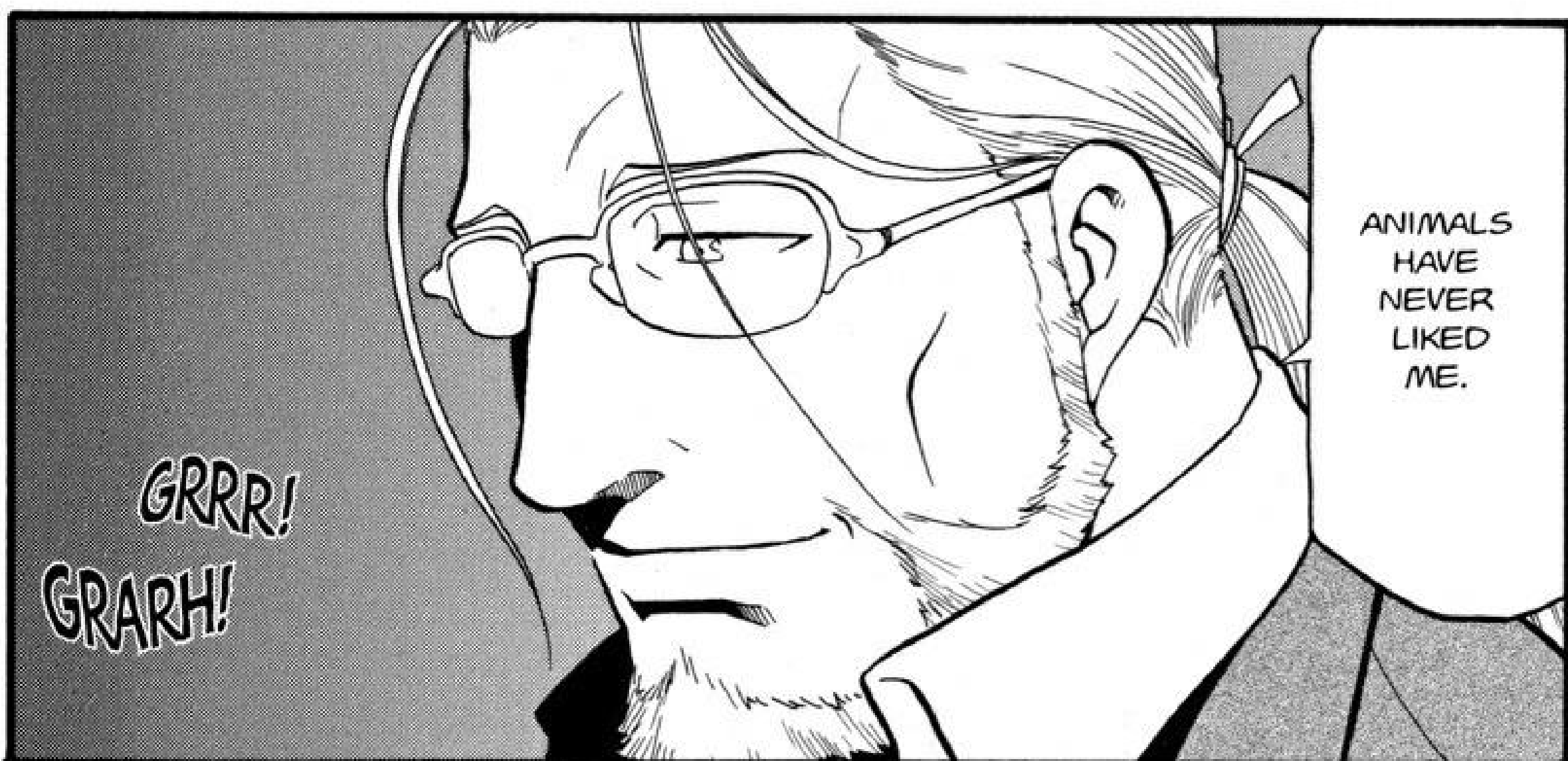


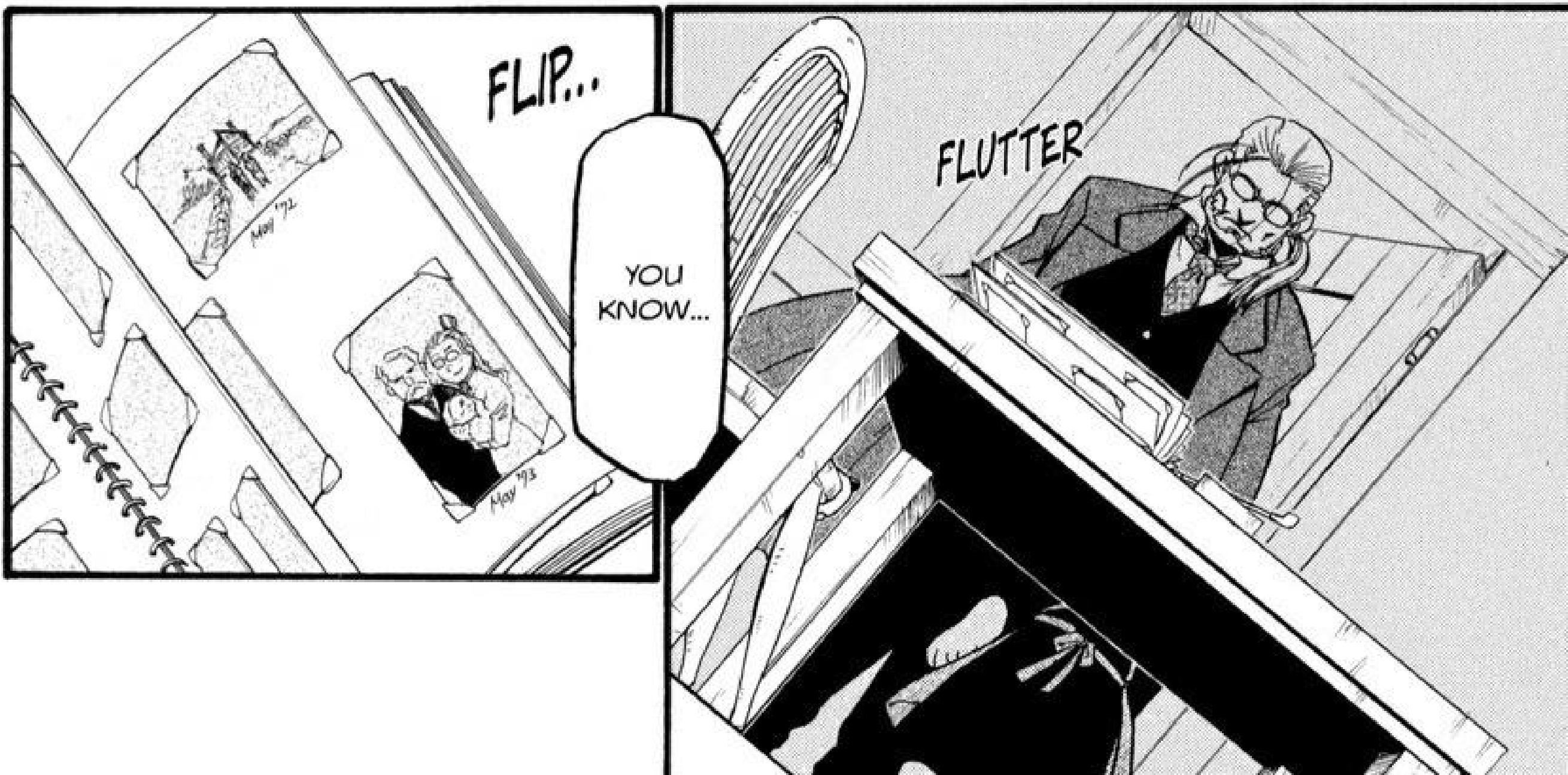
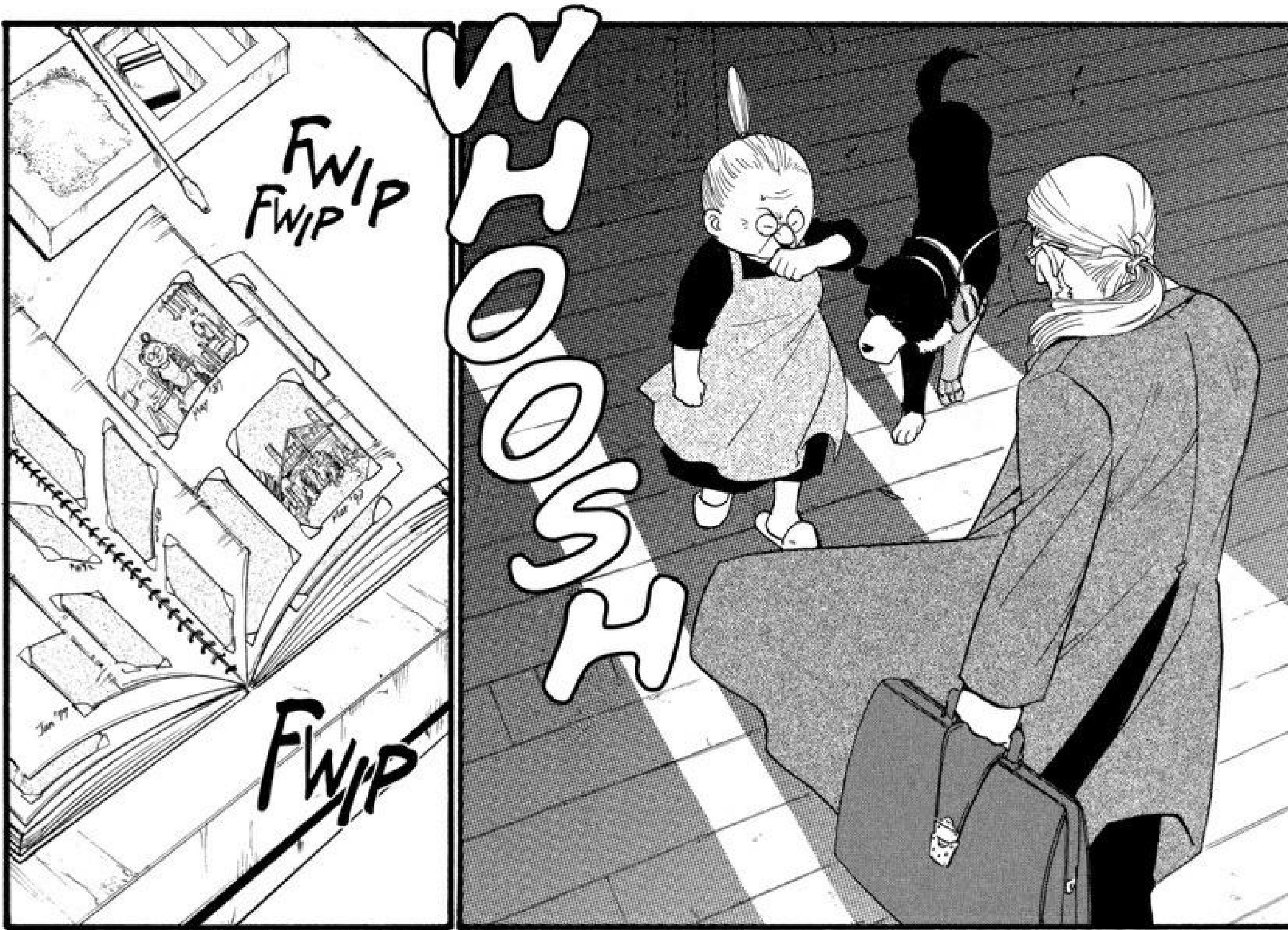








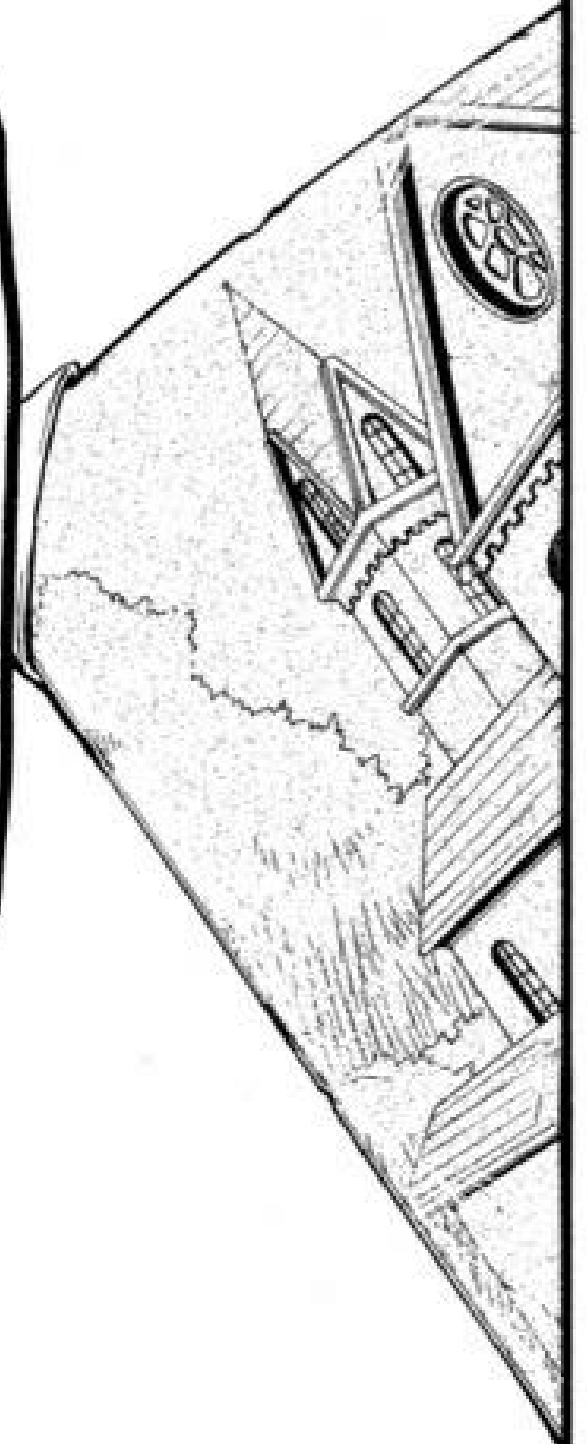








IN ALL  
THESE  
YEARS,  
YOU  
HAVEN'T  
CHANGED  
A BIT.



Dummy-chan ♡

